

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Reclamation District No. 341
Sherman Island

9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 14, 2026

306 Second Street
Isleton, California

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Trustee Rob Black called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Jesse Barton conducted the meeting. In an effort to control the discussion, the Board will speak, followed by District staff and employees, and the public will have the final opportunity. He called roll call. Present: Trustees: Rob Black, Jas Gill, Ceci Giacomia; District Attorney: Jesse Barton; Accountant: Perla Tzintzun-Garibay; Engineer: Martin Berber; District Manager: Morgan Johnson; District Superintendent: Joel McElroy; DWR: David Julian; Landowner: Nathaniel Lincoln; District Secretary: Cindy Hill

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing to report.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Morgan reported there is nothing to report that is not on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting on March 10, 2026. It was MSP (Ceci Giacomia/Jas Gill) to approve the meeting minutes of March 10, 2026, as written. This passed 3-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND RECEIVABLE

Perla Tzintzun-Garibay provided the financial update for April 14, 2026. See attached financial reports for details. Perla recommends issuing warrants 4584-4593 for \$25,000 for a total of \$250,000 to fund current payables of \$189,277.87 and operating expenses through the next meeting. She said this month the District will pay down \$100,000 in warrant debt – making the net debt of \$900,000. Perla sent the financials to the Board prior to the meeting for their review and Rob Black signed off on the invoices. It was MSP (Jas Gill/Ceci Giacomia) to approve the April 14, 2026, accounts payable, invoices, warrants, and transfers. This passed 3-0.

ASSESSMENT NO 29 and ASSESSMENT 1

Perla reported the county is still looking into it – she said it is slow moving. She said the intent is for the county to assist in collecting the delinquent assessments and not the full assessments.

EMPLOYEE MANUAL- EMPLOYEE INSURANCE BENEFIT

Jesse presented an update to the employee manual – to accommodate health insurance for dependents. The District is required to offer health benefits for child dependents up to the age of 26. The District is currently paying 100% of the health care premiums for employees. The District has agreed to offer benefits to the spouses of employees. The District has agreed to pay \$300 per month per spouse and each dependent for health insurance. It was MSP (Jas Gill/Rob Black) to approve the amended employee manual for 2026. This passed 3-0. Jesse provided copies of the manuals to Joel – each employee will sign the forms, and Joel will return the signed document to Jesse and Joel.

SHERMAN LAKE MARINA LANDOWNER PROPOSAL

Jesse said the District approved obtaining a title report at the last meeting in the amount of \$500.00. Martin spoke with Fidelity National Title Company, and they said they will need to review hardcopy documents which will increase the price to \$2,000. Martin obtained several quotes from other title companies – they were all higher than \$2,000. Jesse and Martin spoke with Rob, who agreed to pay \$2,000 for the title report to get this started. Martin said that it will take at least 90 business days to complete this. The District will be paying for the report. Jas said he believes it may be closer to 6 months to obtain. Nathaniel asked why we are having the title report done when there does not seem to be a problem with installing the gate. Jesse said that we do not know for certain who owns the land and if it is Bureau property we should know. Jesse said that he does not believe it is in the best interest of the District to authorize a gate on someone else's property as there could be possible trespassing issues. Jas asked Nathaniel if they would sign a condition on the EP that they will take responsibility for paying for any costs to remove it if a different property owner comes back and says we encroached on their property. Martin said we green lit the title work with an authorization on March 30. Jesse said we could pay for the work already done if they started it, however, he believes there would be a benefit of knowing who owns the property. Morgan said the Bureau gave the property to DWR, which may have then given the property to the District. Morgan said there is a pump on the property – he said it is a District pump. Rob said he would like to know who owns the property. If this is State property – the District could assess the land. Joel said the pipe was put in approximately 1996. Jesse said the Board could place a condition of indemnification to the District in the EP. Nathaniel said waiting 3-6 months is a long time to wait to erect the gate. Martin said he does not have issues in an engineering perspective as Nathaniel has committed to providing plans and specs. The Board has a consensus to allow them to work on the gate while the District continues to pursue the title report. This will be an electric gate powered by solar. Jesse asked Martin to work with Nathaniel on the commencement of the gate – Jesse will work on the permitting with conditions.

NO 5/DRAINAGE CANAL CROSSING

Jesse reported he spoke with Curt Medder about the culvert. He put him in contact with Ian Jones, with DWR Real Estate, as in order for Mr. Medder to get to the culvert he must cross

state property, and he does not have access approval. Jesse told him that he could apply with the District to put the culvert back in, but he needs access to get to the culvert. Curt has attempted to contact Ian. Martin said the Mr. Medders reached out to him to discuss the potential replacement. Jas told Martin that he should not meet with Mr. Medders until he has worked with DWR on access.

NO 3/IRRIGATION CANAL CROSSING

Martin reported on March 17, 2026, the Invitation to Bid was posted. Martin said the Pre-Bid site review was conducted on March 24, 2026, with Asta Construction, Galindo Construction, and The Dutra Group in attendance. He said the Bid Opening was held on April 7, 2026. ASTA was the sole bidder. The base bid is \$271,513.00, and the additional alternate bid item for the two 48-inch poly risers was \$26,618.00 (at the request of Morgan). Martin said the drainage components were bid at \$96,903.00. He said the irrigation components, not including the poly risers, were bid at \$170,026.00. Martin provided a bid abstract for more details (attached to the minutes in the Engineers report). He said two different Notices of Award to ASTA have been prepared for the Board's consideration. Martin spoke with David Julian – he suggested the possibility the SMFA could cost share the work. David said he wanted to see the cost estimate – but believes that this drainage and irrigation canals are important to the SMFA. He said he believes the SMFA could cover \$250,000 of the total – which would be the majority of Asta's costs while the District could cover the engineering and other costs. Jesse said there are three items for the Board to consider.

- Option 1: Whether the Board wants to proceed with the work with bid at \$271,513.
- Option 2: Whether the Board wants to proceed with the \$298,000 bid with the 2 poly risers.
- If the Board decides to proceed the award should be with the understanding that the SMFA will cover up to \$250,000 of the costs.

Jesse pointed out that this improvement will be covered by debt as the District does not currently have the funds for this work. Martin said the construction management would be about \$50,000 for about 3-4 weeks of work. Martin said the cost to the District will be about \$100,000. Rob asked for an explanation on the additional risers. Morgan said the risers will hold back water, so the upstream tenants can irrigate higher fields. Jas asked why the de-watering cost is so much. Martin said we must establish a bypass system because we cannot shut off the irrigation water during construction. Jas said he will speak with Ian; he asked if DWR can get the tenants to not irrigate during this period could we save these funds? Martin said they would have to do a credit. Morgan said the risers would be a benefit to the District. Martin said that Asta could begin in a couple of weeks and the work will be done by October 1, 2026. This was MSP (Jas Gill/Rob Black) to approve awarding the bid with bid option 2 with two risers with the understanding that Martin will work with Jas on removing the need for the bypass as well as the SMFA is prepared to pay \$250,000 of the cost of this work. This was approved 3-0.

DWR REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACT

Jesse presented the DWR Reimbursement Contract with DWR to the Board. Jesse said the Board previously agreed to the contract, but he did not have the contract to sign. He recommends the District approve the contract. It is good for \$160,000 at \$40,000 per year

and will cover the cost of the work by District employees on state owned land. It was MSP (Rob Black/Jas Gill) to approve the contract. This passed 3-0.

BLACKBERRY MASTICATION

Martin reported on March 23, 2026, 5G Land Management mobilized and began mastication. He said the work was completed on April 8, 2026. Martin said blackberry vegetation remains along the barbed wire fence; clearing was performed as close as practicable without damaging the fence. Morgan asked what we are going to do with the fence. Martin said it will be part of the project. Morgan said the fence is an impairment to the maintenance of that area. Martin will get a quote for the removal of the fence. He said there may be a chance that we can get the tenant to remove the fence.

MAYBERRY SLOUGH DAM SIPHONS

Martin reported Moore Biological Consultants provided a memo regarding permitting efforts needed. He said the area is prime habitat for turtles. He said there will be biological costs to move forward with this. Martin said we do not have the funds to go through the permitting or mitigation at this time, and it will take about two years to get the permits. He said he does not have a cost estimate on this. Jesse said it would be helpful to have a cost estimate. David Julian said he would like an estimate as the wetlands are a major user of the siphons and the SMFA may have the funds to do this. Martin will obtain a cost estimate to obtain the permits.

PG&E BIRDS LANDING

Martin said there is no update at this time.

PUMP NO 3 REPAIR

Martin said there is no update at this time.

ENCROACHMENT PERMITS

No. 2025-2 (SJR PG&E Gas Line Decommissioning) – Martin reported they are currently preparing the draft EP and PG&E’s review and signature.

No. 2025-3 (HWY 160 Broadband) –Martin said there is no update at this time.

No. 2025-6 (PG&E Ground Water Discharge) – Martin reported they are currently preparing the draft EP and PG&E’s review and signature.

No. 2026-1 (Caltrans HWY 160 Guardrails) – Martin reported NorthStar Engineering provided a cost proposal in the amount of \$13,640.00 to survey the backside of each of the approximately 1,280 guardrail posts on the waterside hinge of the Highway 160 levee. He said CVFPB informed the District that Caltrans has removed guardrail replacement from the project scope. Work will be limited to the asphalt portion of the levee and will consist of re-striping the shoulder lines and centerlines. Martin said we invoiced them but have not seen any of the funds. Expenses to date are more than \$6,296.25. Jesse said it will be difficult to get our funds back. They are going to re-stripe the roads and they have taken the District out

of the picture. Perla asked if we are going to issue a credit memo for the \$25,000 invoice. The Board advised her to issue the credit memo. Caltrans withdrew the request for the encroachment permit.

DWR “SUBSIDENCE MITIGATION FUNDING AGREEMENT” – AGREEMENT TO BUILD SEVERAL HUNDRED ACRES OF WETLAND IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PORTION OF THE ISLAND IN AN EFFORT TO REVERSE SUBSIDENCE, SEQUESTER CARBON, AND REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES.

Jesse reported he has the redline of the Wetlands Operation Plan. He said there was a miscommunication between the District and DWR regarding the spraying obligations. He worked with Morgan, Joel, David, and Martin on an amended plan. This outlines all responsibilities. David said he spoke with DWR legal, and they want this incorporated into the SMFA agreement. Jesse said that if we have changes like this, we will have to amend the agreement each time. David said he needs more DWR input. There was no decision on this item at this time.

Jesse said as part of the Carbon Credit program, DWR hired an organization SCS to evaluate and document the carbon credits available for the Cap-and-Trade Program. Jesse said that they need a few more weeks to complete this. All of this will be paid for by the SMFA. Jesse recommends approval. It was MSP (Jas Gill/Ceci Giacomina) to approve the extended SCS contract. This passed 3-0.

David Julian said that maintenance needs to be performed. He said if the District does not have the time, we will have to hire someone to mow.

Martin reported on the Siphon Repair at Whale’s Belly. He said that Asta excavated a siphon leak under a District drainage canal. After excavation, they found the siphon to be broken at one of the joints below the District drainage canal. Asta was instructed to replace the broken section with 100 psi PVC pipe. He said there were more leaks and DWR authorized an exploratory excavation of the siphon to determine the location and cause of the issue. W&B has requested Asta to excavate the siphon and construction is planned for the week of April 13, 2026 to April 18, 2026, weather permitting.

PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT SH 17-1.2 SP - PHASE 1 OF SAN JOAQUIN SETBACK LEVEE/HABITAT BENCH MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECT (STATIONS 175-199)

Jesse reminded the Board that this project cannot move forward without power pole realignment and since this project was originally designed and approved and new Board is in place that does not have all the project background. He said he received an email from Neil Favor from W&B with a summary of the project. The purpose of the summary is to provide the project background to the Board. This will be discussed at the May meeting.

PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT SH-24-1.0 SP (SJR MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECT, (STATIONS 330+00 – 368+00))

Martin reported:

- Environmental Review and Permitting

- W&B met with Wilton Rancheria. The Tribe requested to conduct its own cultural resources survey, noting the presence of the tribes' sensitive areas on the island. The survey is planned for April 14, 2026, and W&B will be present during the survey.
- Following completion, the Tribe will provide formal recommendations. Finalization of the Draft IS/MND is pending receipt of these recommendations.
- An internal draft of the IS/MND is planned to be circulated at the end of the month for internal review but will not be finalized until AB 52 consultation is complete.
- PG&E Relocation
 - W&B has been coordinating with AT&T to verify the location of their facilities on the island, and AT&T confirmed that the lines along the project area are theirs. AT&T is requiring a \$500 advance payment to initiate the process and provide a cost estimate for the project. Ceci said the line has not worked in 23 years.
 - W&B has drafted a request letter for the PFA amendment but is holding off on submitting, until a cost is obtained from AT&T to include in the request for additional funding.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Martin reported:

- PG&E Gas Line Vegetation Control
 - There is no update.
- DWR Tenant Crossing Removal
 - Martin talked with Ian. He authorized removal of Mr. Cabral's unauthorized crossing. W&B instructed ASTA to remove the pipe crossing and rebuild the canal using excavated material; removal was completed on April 6, 2026.
 - The tenant has installed a new barbed wire fence adjacent to the drainage canal, restricting District access along the canal.
 - Jas instructed Martin to continue to work with Ian.
- Pump No. 5 PG&E kWh Analysis
 - No update.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Joel reported they replaced the crossing from the Whites property to DWR property (Leal's). He said the ditch that will be used has blocks in it. Joel said the ditch needs to be cleaned and he will have Delta Rentals clean it and bill it to the Trust contract. Joel asked if they wanted all the ditches cleaned in that area. Jas said he will discuss it with Ian. He said the goats are still here – there are near the berries where the mastication was. Joel said we need the dozer back. He got two bids, one from Core and the other Sunbelt. He said that Core was \$1,000 less. Joel said the spring inspection is April 22. The fish screens are scheduled to be cleaned on April 15.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the public meeting was adjourned at 10:46 A.M.

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The presiding Trustee of the April 14, 2026 meeting hereby certifies that the above minutes were approved as read.