

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Reclamation District No. 341
Sherman Island

9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 10, 2024

306 Second Street
Isleton, California

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Trustee Rob Black called the meeting to order at 9:00 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, and Mark Icanberry; District Attorney: Jesse Barton; Accountant: Perla Tzintzun-Garibay; Engineer: Martin Berber and Bob Wagner; District Manager: Morgan Johnson; District Superintendent: Joel McElroy; DWR: David Julian and Toni Lindsey; RVWA: Don Ross Landowner(s): Ceci Giacomia; District Secretary: Cindy Hill

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Ross stated he appreciates the District and all that they do to maintain the levees. He said Chris Kraft is working with Morgan on signage. Ceci Giacomia asked about the bulge on the Martucci property. Joel said they are aware of it; Martin will go out and take a look at it.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Morgan reported he does not have anything else to report that is not reflected on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting on November 12, 2024. It was MSP (Jas Gill/Mark Icanberry) to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 12, 2024, as submitted. This passed 3-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND RECEIVABLE

Perla Tzintzun-Garibay reported the accounts payable for December 10, 2024. Cash disbursements pending approval of \$183,317.13. Financial statements reflect an ending balance of \$59,645.15 after the above-mentioned transactions are approved.

Notes:

- 11/19 Check 11142 to AT&T Mobility for \$525.93

- 11/19 ACH payment to PG&E for \$11,525.03
- 12/3 EFT to Kludt Oil for \$3,524.81
- 12/06 EFT to PERS for \$3,365.15
- 12/10 Payroll E-check to Mark Icanberry: Gross \$350, Net \$319.37

Balance in general fund account \$117,656.11

Perla reported the District will need to register seven warrants this month totaling \$175,000. These will be in \$25,000 increments (warrants 4377 – 4383). Martin confirmed there was not a charge by Delta Pump as there was not an improvement in performance. 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/Mark Icanberry) to approve the December 10, 2024, accounts payable, invoices, and warrants. This passed 3-0.

ASSESSMENT CALL NO 28

Perla reported \$5,787.04 outstanding assessments. The Board decided Perla will send another past due notice as the cost of Jesse researching and collecting is high in relation to the amount of funds that need to be collected. If the assessments remain delinquent in 2025 the Board will revisit the issue and may be more aggressive in our collection activities.

NEW ASSESSMENT PROP 218

Jesse Barton reported that he and Rob Black met with John Bliss and his team at SCI. John will present the proposal at the January meeting. Martin said that they are meeting with John next week to discuss the flood dynamics.

PG&E BIRDS LANDING

Martin reported he spoke with PG&E and they are still on schedule for the demolition on January 29, 2025. He said that PG&E plans to begin the AB removal in late April 2025. Martin said that W&B has developed a map of potential areas where the 25,000 CY of AB can be placed:

- 5.95 miles of DWR interior roads.
- 3.43 miles of levee toe roads
- 5.45 miles of SMFA roads.

Martin said he spoke with Vincent, DWR is discussing a possible cost share for the labor on the interior roads. Rob asked if there are any concerns, Martin said that the weight of the material could be an issue if not separated and spread. Martin said we still need a contract on moving and spreading the material.

SHERMAN ISLAND CROSS ROAD

Martin said they submitted a request to Sacramento County to send a Notice of Violation to DWR for the ditches that are currently encroaching on their right-of-way on November 13. He said they have not received a response. He spoke with Lupe with the County; he informed Martin that they were sending a letter to DWR.

PUMP NO 1 REPAIR/REPLACEMENT

Martin reported Delta Pump reinstalled the pump on November 19, 2024 as directed by the Board in October. It was reinstalled with no repairs. Martin said the District staff coordinated the installation of an air release valve in 2 different locations on the discharge pipeline but there was no change in pump performance. Don Pedro pulled the pump on December 2 and determined the bowl assembly had issues. The lead edges of the impeller were folding over from wearing thin. He said this could explain the reduced efficiency. Martin said there were holes in the column and propeller. Martin said quotes received were \$20,000 which included minor repairs to the column and new bearings or \$39,922 which would include a new propeller. It was MSP (Rob Black and Jas Gill) to authorize \$40,000 for the pump repair. This passed 3-0.

VIOLATION OF DISTRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS

DWR – Martin reported DWR has authorized removal of the noncompliant cattle fence along the Pump No. 3 Canal. Removal will be completed by Richard Silva. The new cattle fence will be installed by the tenant before the end of the month. W&B will be staking the new fence alignment per District rules and regulations.

Campos – Martin reported from October 21, 2024 – October 23, Delta Rentals spent 15 hours at \$125/hr. cleaning the line ditch next to Campos' Threemile Slough property (submitted invoice from Delta Rentals Invoice No. 686). Cost to the District was \$1,875 plus tax. He said on October 22, 2024, Joel McElroy spent 1 hour of his time dealing with the damaged ditch. Recommended fine to Mr. Campos is \$1,953 based on the breakdown of labor and equipment costs.

- Per 90% Caltrans rate, 1 hour of pickup truck cost the District \$33.47.
- Joel's labor rate + burden is \$44.65 per hour.
- Delta Rental - \$1,953.12

Joel confirmed these numbers. Jesse will draft a letter to be sent to Mr. Campos.

ENCROACHMENT PERMIT NO 2023-5 (PG&E IDLE LINE REMOVAL)

Martin reported PG&E still needs to permit the foundation on the Threemile Slough levee. This will be removed from the agenda until further notice.

ENCROACHMENT PERMIT NO 2024-3 (RENEWICK SIPHON REPAIR)

Martin reported he is still working on the permits. Morgan suggests including a water management plan into the permit. Jesse said he will review the permit with the plan.

ENCROACHMENT PERMIT NO 2024-6 (CALTRANS HIGHWAY 160 REPAVING)

Martin reported they informed Caltrans on December 5 that there were drainage issues on the highway which has caused levee erosion. He advised them that this needs to be addressed. Caltrans responded that their current project was to only repave the highway but that they are willing to work with the District to find a future Caltrans project to repair the erosion and address the drainage issues. Jesse asked if the permit addressed drainage issues or maintenance requirements. Jesse asked if we get a good rainstorm, will there be puddles. Martin said yes, he will take photos the next time it rains. Jesse said that would help when sending a letter showing post-project issues.

ENCROACHMENT PERMIT NO 2024-7 (VASQUEZ LEVEE ACCESS RAMP GATES)

Martin reported the Encroachment Permit has been prepared for consideration by the Board.

Special Conditions include the following:

- Permittee shall maintain vegetation fifteen feet around each gate.
- District shall install a lock on each gate to access levee for routine maintenance.

It was MSP (Jas Gill/Rob Black) to approve the Vasquez permit. This passed 3-0.

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.

Martin reported:

- **Whale’s Belly**

- **Warranty Work**

- Martin stated there is no update at this time. Gornito is done for now. They will be out in 2025 to complete the work on the gas line crossing.

- **Remediation Work**

- Martin reported Dutra’s November progress and retention invoices will be processed for payment at the January 2025 meeting. He said W&B is currently preparing as-built drawings for the Phase 1 work as well as Plans and Specifications for the Phase 2 work in 2025.

- **Whale’s Mouth**

- **Perimeter Ditch PG&E Crossing**

- Martin reported that Dutra completed the perimeter ditch cleaning. This has improved the drainage around the Whale’s Mouth. He said due to rains and conditions of the access berms – the work on the PG&E crossing will not begin until spring. Martin said the access roads were damaged by CDFW last month during heavy vehicle use. David will advise them not to drive on those roads until at least a week after the rain.

Siphon No. 2 Replacement

Martin said W&B submitted draft drawings to DWR for review and comment on December 2, 2024. There was not a previous permit on this siphon. They are converting this from steel to HDPE.

PUBLIC ENTITY AGREEMENT WITH DWR (SHERMAN LAKE ROC SLOPE PROTECTION)

David Julian said this is back with contracts. It is in process.

**PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT SH 17-1.1 SP - PHASE 1 OF SAN JOAQUIN SETBACK LEVEE/HABITAT BENCH MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECT (STATIONS 175-199)
PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT SH 24-1.0 SP (MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECT ON SHERMAN ISLAND.**

Martin reported he met with PG&E on the overhead utility easements. He said PG&E has not yet responded to the request to be co-applicant for the DWR EP Application. Martin said the setback levee and waterside habitat designs have been updated. He is preparing a Scope of Work packet to submit before the end of the year. Jas asked why the RD wants to be a co-applicant. He said it was because it is a District project that we paid the application fee on. In addition, the District insurance would cover any issues with the powerlines. Jas said he does not want the District to be responsible for any future maintenance.

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

Martin reported that W&B is currently waiting to receive the geotechnical report from Shannon & Wilson to finalize the grading design. He said they contracted with Stillwater Sciences to provide environmental services for the project and will have a kick-off meeting with Stillwater on December 11, 2024, to discuss the project scope and timeline.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Martin reported Pump No. 3 canal cleaning has been completed by Dutra at a cost of \$24,900. This will be paid at the January 2025 meeting. He said that Julianna has been working with the county on issuing a violation letter for grading on the Zaragoza property. JJ Cortes from Sacramento County Engineering stated that the County Council wants more evidence to confirm that the imported material is being used for purposes other than agricultural. Martin said that further investigation into the activities on the property will likely be necessary before proceeding with the letter to Mr. Zaragoza. Jesse said this is not a District issue – it a County issue. The Board instructed Martin to not expend additional energy on this issue. Martin said there is a bridge crossing that is getting excessive use, and it is breaking down from usage. Martin said this will be a future issue. Jesse said if his trucks are causing damage to the easement – Mr. Zaragoza is responsible for the repairs.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Joel reported he has been working on getting quotes for tractors, mowers, and excavators. Morgan asked if the tractor has to be tier 4 – Jesse said he will have to check on this. Martin said he believes there may be a fleet tier option – Jesse said that we should be able to use small fleet tier guidelines. Morgan said it is difficult to find older equipment with minimal hours. Jesse said the District may want to consider renting equipment. Joel said they have been maintaining the wetlands over the last few weeks.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the public meeting was adjourned at 10:44 A.M.

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The presiding Trustee of the December 10, 2024, meeting hereby certifies that the above minutes were approved as read.