

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Reclamation District No. 341  
Sherman Island

9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, March 10, 2026

306 Second Street  
Isleton, California

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## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Trustee Rob Black called the meeting to order at 9:02 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(s): Jamie Renwick and 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 February 10, 2026. It was MSP (Ceci Giacomia/Jas Gill to approve the meeting minutes of February 10, 2026, as written. This passed 3-0.

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND RECEIVABLE

Perla Tzintzun-Garibay provided the financial update for March 10, 2026. See attached financial reports for details. Perla recommends issuing warrants 4578-4583 for \$25,000 for a total of \$155,000 to fund current payables of \$129,198.15 and operating expenses through the next meeting. She said this month the District will pay down higher interest rate warrants of \$100,000 and replace them with warrants at a lower rate due to interest rate reductions (warrant 4548 – 4551 - \$100,000 plus interest of \$456.84). Jesse asked Perla if she could keep a running total of interest paid on the warrants – Perla showed the Board where this information is located in financials. She said we are currently at \$50,051.55 for this fiscal year. Jesse stated he does not recall Districts carrying so much debt in previous years. Perla stated that Prop 218 will eventually draw down some of the District debt. 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 (Robert Black/Jas Gill) to approve the March 10, 2026, accounts payable, invoices, warrants, and transfers. This passed 3-0.

### **F&M BANK ACCOUNTS**

Perla presented a resolution to update the signature cards due to change in Trustees. It was MSP (Rob Black/Jas Gill) to approve the resolution to update the District signers on the F&M Bank Accounts. This passed 3-0.

Perla discussed possible changes to the Bank Account. She discussed the Positive Pay Service and ACH Origination services offered by F&M to provide more secure banking. ACH origination will allow the District to pay vendors electronically and Positive Pay is a service that requires the District to submit a list of checks to be paid – and they will pay based on this list – there is a monthly cost as well as a per item fee. Closing and re-opening the account would be required for this service. Perla does not think that the District will benefit from this type of service. Ceci asked if the District has a history of fraud. Perla said we have not had issues; however, other Districts are experiencing fraud. Perla said she mitigates the risk through having the checks picked up or delivering them. Jas said he thinks the District can pause on the Positive Pay Service and ACH Origination for now.

### **ASSESSMENT NO 29 and ASSESSMENT 1**

Perla reported she spoke with the County regarding collection the assessments. They are looking into this and will report back.

### **EMPLOYEE MANUAL- EMPLOYEE INSURANCE BENEFIT**

Jesse provided an overview of the employee manual – spouses are not currently covered for insurance coverage. Perla presented an analysis of the potential costs to the District if the District decided to cover spouses. She said the costs are dependent on each person's situation and the benefits that they chose. Martin asked if this is covered under labor burden costs and possibly paid by subventions. Perla said insurance is not covered by subventions. Robert asked if we currently have dependent children that should be covered under our current policy. Perla said no. Jas said he would consider a cap or flat amount to be paid for dependent coverage and recommends \$300 a month per dependent. It was MSP (Jas Gill/Ceci Giacom) to extend medical insurance coverage for dependents up to \$300 per dependent per month. Jesse will update the Employee Manual with this employee benefit. This passed 3-0.

### **SHERMAN LAKE MARINA LANDOWNER PROPOSAL**

Nathaniel Lincoln provided an update on the property lines in his quest to install electric gates at the Sherman Island Marina. He said per the maps they share the border on the western side. He said he spoke with the Bureau of Reclamation. They told him that the District owns the bordering land. Nat provided all documentation. He said that after looking at this there is no reason to have a fence on the western side but would need a gate. Morgan said it's possible that the Bureau of Reclamation possibly turned the property back to the District when they built the levee. Jesse said this is new information to the District. He said

they will have to determine why this has not shown up on past reports. Jesse suggested ordering a title report on the property. The Board agreed.

#### **NO 5/DRAINAGE CANAL CROSSING**

Jesse received a letter from an attorney on behalf of Curt and Margaret Medders stating the District removed a crossing, gate and culvert without notice or consent and he wants this replaced. Martin provided a map of the area. The culvert was removed as it was plugged. Joel said the gate was removed but it was on Myron's property. Joel said the pictures are not good pictures and do not reflect the gate in question. Jesse responded with an email requesting documentation that authorized the culvert to be there as well as access to the area. Jesse said this is a District canal and we do not know who built the culvert. It is a non-conforming encroachment and is causing damage to District facilities. The District is following the current rules and regulations. Jesse stated he is advising the Board and does not have a specific ask from the Board at this time. Joel said the Medder's had an agreement with Crow years ago to bring hay trucks in. Joel said he contacted Ian at DWR to see if there is a record of an easement to access the property. He was advised that there is not an easement. Joel said the state bought Mr. Crow's property. Joel identified where the gate was located on the map. Ceci asked if the culvert originated between two private landowners and one property was sold to the State would that affect the situation – Jesse said it would depend on if there was a recorded document. Joel said he tried to contact Medder's when it was removed and Curt did not return the phone call. Joel said that there is not a main road access into his property. Morgan referred to the photos and said this area is wet and Medders does not want the trucks going through the wet area. Morgan confirmed that Medders does not have access to the area.

#### **NO 3/IRRIGATION CANAL CROSSING**

Martin reported that W&B completed the design drawings for replacement of the drainage/irrigation crossings. He said the direct construction costs are estimated at approximately \$250,000. Martin said the District spent approximately \$33,000 on the unclogging and retrofit work completed in December 2025 and January 2026. Martin asked for direction from the Board on whether to proceed with preparing Contract Documents for bidding or to shelve the project. Jas asked what the risk is if we shelved the work for now. Robert said it would cost more money if it fails. Martin said right now we can control it, but if it fails, we will have a big problem. He said it is deferred maintenance and the pipe is rotten and could go anytime. He said it drains the scour lake off 160. Morgan said we are keeping the levee bank clear. Jas and Rob said they want to see where the District is with our financial situation. David said the irrigation canal is feeding into the Whales Belly so there could possibly be a connection to the SMFA. Both Martin and David feel this is an important area to be fixed to keep the – more important the irrigation canal siphons. David said he would like to understand what the overall costs as well as the costs for the Mayberry Slough Siphons. Martin said we could get a cost for the repair. He said if this fails the irrigation water will be dumped out and would go through Pump #3. At that point it would be considered an emergency and would cost more money. The Board advised Martin to move forward with a bid package.

#### **DWR REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACT**

Jesse reported he just received the contract this morning and is not ready to discuss this item. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **BLACKBERRY MASTICATION**

Martin provided options for the District for blackberry mastication. The options include renting the equipment and having the District staff complete perform the mastication themselves or hire a contractor to do the work.

He received the following quotes for equipment rental:

- Caterpillar HM418 flail mulcher head: \$898/day, \$2,947/week, or \$7,595/month
- Tracked skid steer: \$775/day, \$2,570/week, or \$7,275/month.

He received quotes from contractors as follows:

- 5G Land Management: \$23,500
- T&R Restore: \$29,037.60 (daily rate of \$2903.76/day; estimated 7-10 days)

Morgan recommended that we let the contractors perform the work since it is comparable. Morgan said this work should be done now. It was MSP (Jas Gill/Ceci Giacomia) to award the contract to 5G Land Management to perform the work blackberry mastication and approved up to \$25,000 for the work to be performed. This passed 3-0.

### **MAYBERRY SLOUGH DAM SIPHONS**

Martin reported that Moore Biological Consultants inspected the site to determine the permitting requirements the project will require. He said he has not received a technical memorandum from Moore with procedures. Nat Lincoln called Martin to find out if we can build the siphons outside of the existing area. Jesse said we replace in kind there will not be new CEQA requirements. Jesse said we would probably need to file new CEQA documents if we do not rebuild them in the same location. Morgan said the trees may be located in the area for a specific purpose. David asked is we have a general cost estimate. He said the estimate is around \$150,000. Jesse advised Martin to send the technical memorandum to him upon receipt.

### **PG&E BIRDS LANDING**

Martin reported he needs direction to begin scheduling contractors for the repair of the Cross Levee road now that the weather has improved. Morgan said the area is now dry. Morgan asked Martin to find out if there is a timeline with PG&E to close this work out.

### **PUMP NO 3 REPAIR**

Martin reported he spoke with David and he is ok with the District releasing the flow into Whales Belly – this will save us dewatering costs. Mead & Hunt submitted the 60% design drawings for the trash rack structure. He said W&B and Shannon & Wilson, our geotechnical subconsultant, provided comments to Mead & Hunt on the 60% drawings and specifications. W&B requested an addendum proposal from Shannon & Wilson to perform additional CPTs to support the pile design for the new pump station discharge pipelines. The purpose of the work is to determine the depth of peat from the sump to the levee, as it varies across the alignment. We intend to complete this by May 30.

### **ENCROACHMENT PERMITS**

**No. 2025-2 (SJR PG&E Gas Line Decommissioning)** – Martin reported Shannon & Wilson provided geotechnical recommendations on February 27, 2026.

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

**No. 2025-6 (PG&E Ground Water Discharge)** –Martin said there is no update at this time.

**No. 2026-1 (Caltrans HWY 160 Guardrails)** – Martin reported W&B met with Caltrans and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board to discuss the project and the District’s requirement for armoring the levee waterside slope. Caltrans stated that they will not be able to rock the entire stretch of levee where guardrail replacement is proposed due to limited funding. However, they may have \$750,000 available to rock critical areas. He said they reiterated that no additional funding will be available and that they may need to reduce the project scope—potentially removing the guardrail replacement—if doing so is necessary to avoid project delays. W&B met with Caltrans again on February 26, 2026, to discuss the available survey data from the District. It was determined that Caltrans needs more detailed survey data to properly identify whether a levee section will require armoring to ensure the guardrail meets the specified design criteria for shoulder backing.

- Caltrans’ standard guardrail post installation detail falls under two scenarios:
  - Detail A shows that as long as there is a minimum of 30 inches of backing behind the guardrail post, the backslope does not affect the installation requirements.
  - Detail B shows that if there is less than 30 inches of backing, a 2:1 maximum slope is required.

W&B recommends that the District authorize surveying of all guardrail posts along the Highway 160 levee, as well as the corresponding hinge points. Guardrail posts are spaced approximately 6'-3" on center along the 8,000 LF of guardrail on the waterside hinge of the levee. This information will allow W&B to identify locations where the 30-inch backing requirement is not met. Once inventoried, we also recommend conducting additional surveys to document where the 2:1 maximum slope requirement is not met. Jesse said that he feels the District should hold the line on the guardrails. The area erodes because the District cannot get in there to perform needed maintenance.

**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 he met with David and DWR Real Estate Branch to discuss using the material from DWR owned field for rehabilitation of the irrigation canal. David authorized a TOPO on the field – the proposal is to level the field and use the extra material to build to rehabilitate the irrigation canal. The Real Estate Branch proposed using a simplified form of their License Agreement to authorize the removal of borrowed material up to the depth at which peat soil is encountered. W&B has contracted with NorthStar Engineering to survey the field. Once a detailed topographic survey is received, a preliminary design can be prepared on how much fill material can be generated. This work will be covered on the SMFA. Jesse will incorporate David’s proposed language. Perla asked if we need to get the

approval in writing – David said he will include documentation with the invoices. David said he is able to get additional funding for these repairs.

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

Jesse said this has been on hold because of power pole realignment. Jesse said since this was decided – there are new Board members. Martin and Bob will put together an overview of the project to be reviewed by the new Board. Martin reported we received a time extension to 06/30/2030.

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

Martin reported:

- Advance Request
  - Martin reported an advance for \$324,000 was received on March 3, 2026.
- Environmental Review and Permitting
  - AB 52 consultation notification response period ended February 23, 2026. Wilton Rancheria was the only tribe to request consultation, and a meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2026.
  - The public draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) will be delayed pending completion of the consultation.
- PG&E Relocation
  - DWR has requested that the District submit an official request for a PFA amendment to include additional funding and scope to authorize the PG&E power pole relocation prior to requesting construction funding. DWR noted that approval of additional funding is not guaranteed.
  - W&B has been in contact with Frontier to verify the location of their facilities on the island. Based on recent correspondence and a generic map provided by Frontier, it does not appear that their facilities are within the project area – they are in AT&T.
  - W&B has drafted a request letter for the PFA amendment but is holding off on submitting, until ownership of the utility facilities is confirmed, and a contract and cost estimate are obtained to include in the request for additional funding.

**ENGINEERS REPORT**

Martin reported:

- Island Security
  - 10 out of 11 cameras are set up and ready for installation. They have been delivered to the District Shop.
  - One camera was defective and is currently being replaced. The estimated delivery date for the camera is mid-March.
  - Joel said there are two cameras missing – both at the shop.
- PG&E Gas Line Vegetation Control

- PG&E has a vendor ready to perform the No. 3 canal cleaning around their gas lines. However, they are waiting on internal environmental clearances.
- FY 2026-27 Subventions Application
  - Applications are due to DWR by April 1, 2026. W&B will be submitting an application by the end of the month.
- DWR Tenant Issues
  - Tenant: David Leal “borrowed” a District contractor’s excavator to do work on his leased ground. Galindo Construction was originally onsite clearing a beaver dam within the No. 4 Canal. In the process of using the excavator, Mr. Leal caused damage to the equipment. Mr. Leal has been cited by the Sacramento County Sheriff and must appear in court for the incident. Jesse said this is not a District issue.
- Pump No. 5 PG&E kWh Analysis
  - No update.

Morgan said there has been copper theft on Staten Island, costing the district \$50,000. He said this is the main pumping time, and it is putting the District back weeks in their work.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Joel reported the generators are fixed – the starter ring gear was cracked in half – everything is covered under warranty. He said they have been mowing habitat – goats are working on the San Joaquin levee. He said they are feeding off the levee and the alfalfa. He said Galindo finished on 4 – they will be leaving the site. He said we need new tires on the Kubota tractor and will try to find rims that were the original size so that we can raise the height. Joel said he did what he could with the light in the District office but could not fix it - Jesse said he contacted the landlord to fix the light.

**There being no further business to come before the Board, the public meeting was adjourned at 11:24 A.M.**

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**The presiding Trustee of the March 10, 2026 meeting hereby certifies that the above minutes were approved as read.**