

# MINUTES OF SPECIAL/EMERGENCY MEETING

Reclamation District No. 341  
Sherman Island

8:00 a.m.  
Friday, October 27, 2023

306 Second Street  
Isleton, California

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## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Trustee Rob Black called the meeting to order at 8:03 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 and Jas Gill (Mark Icanberry was on the phone, but did not participate); District Attorney: Jesse Barton (phone); Accountant: Perla Tzintzun-Garibay (phone); Engineer: Bob Wagener (phone) and Martin Berber; District Manager: Morgan Johnson; District Superintendent: Joel McElroy; DWR: David Julian; Landowner(s): Jamie Renwick and Ceci Giacomina and Phile Snodgrass.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

**BOARD TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WITHIN DISTRICT BOUNDARIES DUE TO A SLIP ALONG HIGHWAY 160 – The discussion will include whether to contact emergency services, whether to declare that the emergency work needed will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids, and that immediate action is necessary to respond to the emergency; whether to authorize the District’s Engineer to execute contracts on behalf of the District, and to take all other reasonable and prudent action to protect the Island, without calling for competitive bids and without the need to call for additional emergency meetings.**

Martin made the presentation. He stated that the Isleton area experienced a 4.2 earthquake on October 18, 2023, and that after the earthquake, Joel made a round of levee inspections and noticed a large and new slip along Highway 160, in Horseshoe Bend, at approximately Station 825. He contacted the District engineer and Martin came out to inspect. Pictures of the slip are attached to these minutes. Upon inspecting the damage, Bob Wagner and Martin agreed that the slip poses a risk to the island and to the traveling public on Highway 160. The slip resulted in a nearly vertical wall immediately adjacent to the Highway 160 shoulder. Approximately 6’ of soil adjacent to the

shoulder disappeared into the water. Martin did contact Caltrans and ask them to fix it. Caltrans refused. Caltrans will only get involved when the road or right-of-way is damaged, and since this is adjacent to the road, Caltrans states it is not their problem. Martin stated the repair will cost approximately \$250,000 and that it will be subventions eligible. Dutra is in the area and stated that they can address the problem immediately. It makes the most sense to work from the waterside since it will not require traffic control. Martin stated the repair cannot wait. The soil is completely exposed and is currently eroding with no protection. With tidal action, more of the soil will erode and possibly undermine Highway 160, which could threaten those who use it. There is no guardrail to prevent someone from driving slightly on the shoulder and then going into the Sacramento River. Martin stated he inspected the area and there is no sensitive habitat that will be affected. Martin asked if the Board wants to declare an emergency, he has the resolution. Jesse stated that the resolution explains the situation and allows the Board to declare a local emergency that exempts itself from CEQA, ACOE 404, CVFPB permits, competitive bidding and other requirements to make the emergency repair. Both Martin and Rob can execute the necessary contracts to complete the emergency work. After Rob and Jas reviewed the resolution, Rob made a motion to declare the emergency and adopt the resolution, second by Jas, motion passed 2-0-1.

Jesse asked Martin to complete the resolution and return it to him. Ceci thanked Joel for finding the problem.

**There being no further business to come before the Board, the public meeting was adjourned at 8:16 A.M.**

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**The presiding Trustee of the October 27, 2023, meeting hereby certifies that the above minutes were approved as read.**