

# MINUTES OF SPECIAL/EMERGENCY MEETING

Reclamation District No. 341  
Sherman Island

11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, December 17, 2024

306 Second Street  
Isleton, California

---

The Board proceedings are also available via tele-conference, and you may participate in Public Comment in this manner. If you wish to comment, please speak and your comments will be considered. Members of the public are encouraged to observe and participate in the teleconference. District directors and members of the public may participate in the meeting using the telephone conference line listed below. Conference Line Number: 1-844-875-2222  
Access Code: 5435746

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Trustee Rob Black called the meeting to order at 11:00 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; Engineer: Bob Wagner and Martin Berber; District Manager: Morgan Johnson; District Superintendent: Joel McElroy; DWR: David Julian, Otome Lindsay, and Phoebe Edjan (phone); Landowner(s): Ceci Giacoma and Jamie Renwick.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ceci asked whether the District Board was prepared for an urgent emergency and whether it could meet faster than the next day. Jesse explained that, yes, the District Board could lawfully meet with one hour or less public notice. While this meeting was scheduled on Monday, the Board could have met sooner (even on Monday) if it had to do so.

## **BOARD TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WITHIN DISTRICT BOUNDARIES DUE TO LOSS OF ROCK SLOPE PROTECTION (RSP) ALONG SHERMAN LAKE – 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 reported that on Saturday, December 14, 2024, the Sacramento River at Rio Vista peaked at 9.13 feet which is 1.73 feet above monitor stage of 7.4 feet (See attached report). Concurrently, Sherman Island was experiencing winds out of the southwest with gusts exceeding 40 miles per hour. The combination of strong winds and high tides resulted in the

loss of rock slope protection (RSP) at several locations along the Sherman Lake levee section from Station 606+00 – 646+00.

In November 2023, the District placed 4,000 tons of Class V RSP, in 16 x 100-foot sections, to reinforce the waterside of the Sherman Lake levee section. The levee sections, totaling 1,600 linear feet, that were reinforced with Class V RSP were not damaged during the wind event. However, the portions of the levee that did not receive RSP have suffered substantial erosion. An additional 6,000 tons (3 barges) of Class V RSP is required to fully reinforce the Sherman Lake levee section. The high tide, waves, and wind wash have removed boats from the moorings in the marina and those boats are now against the levee.

Since this time on Saturday, the District manager and superintendent noticed substantial erosion along the Sacramento River. There are possibly a dozen sites that have lost their rock and are now eroding because the levee in these areas is largely made of sand. This area extends from Station 646+00 to 850+00. The levee in this area is so eroded, that every time there is a high tide or a large wave, a portion of the levee washes away.

The District currently has an agreement DWR to place two barges worth of rock on the Sherman Lake marina area. There is one more barge of rock that is scheduled to be placed by PGE at the end of January. Martin believes that two more barges are necessary to address the erosion along the Sacramento River (so five barges in total). Bob and him both estimate the total fix would costs between \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million. The agreement with DWR is only \$600,000, therefore the District needs to find a way to pay for the additional \$600,000 to \$800,000.

Rob and Jas suggested that he contact Flood Operations Center at DWR and tell them the scope of the problem. The FOC may have the funds to pay for this work (i.e. the currently unfunded \$600,000 to \$800,000).

After much discussion, and comparison of the current situation to the 1998 flood emergency, the Board declared a local emergency that exempts itself from CEQA, ACOE 404, CVFPB permits, competitive bidding and other requirements to make the emergency repairs. The cost of the repairs will be capped at \$1.4 million. 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 3-0.

**There being no further business to come before the Board, the public meeting was adjourned at 11:38 A.M.**

X \_\_\_\_\_

**The presiding Trustee of the December 17, 2024, meeting hereby certifies that the above minutes were approved as read.**