

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108

Minutes of the Special Meeting

Of the Board of Trustees

August 1, 2013

President Durst called the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2013 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

Trustees Present: Fritz Durst, Roger Cornwell, Sean Doherty and Mike Miller

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Lewis Bair, General Manager
Kathryn Chandler, Assistant Manager
Chad Navarrot, Operations Manager
Cathy Busch, Executive Secretary
19 Landowners and Water Users – sign-in sheet attached

President Durst welcomed attending Landowners and Water Users to the meeting. He announced that 2013 was an election year and that the seats of Trustees Durst, Miller and Andreotti would be up for election and encouraged any interested landowner or landowner representative to contact Cathy Busch in the office regarding the election process. President Durst also announced that the Board would be holding a strategic planning workshop on August 14 and invited interested landowners and water users to attend.

Sacramento River Smoothing Program

Manager Bair gave a presentation on the proposed River Smoothing Program showing the impacts to winter water diverters. This Program would keep the flows from the River at an even diversion rate throughout October and November, reducing the risk of salmon redd stranding and with the other District's collective action, has the potential to save up to 60,000 acre-feet of water per month. Manager Bair pointed out that one of the important benefits of participating in this program would be that the District would not have to comply with Term 91 which can stop all diversions during Nov and December during dry years like this 2013. The major change for

Water Users in the District would be that rice decomposition water deliveries would have to be scheduled. This would extend the period of growers to finish their first flood up. Mr. Scott West asked if the Board would consider extending the decomposition season due to the delay in initial flood up. He explained that the NRCS WHEP Program requires that rice fields retain water in the fields for habitat for a specific number of days. President Durst explained that the District closes for the holidays and then begins district-wide maintenance. President Durst committed to meeting with NRCS prior to the next Board meeting where the Board would consider whether to move forward or not with the Program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no comments from the public and no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lewis Bair". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lewis Bair

Secretary/Manager