

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108

Minutes of the Special Meeting

Of the Board of Trustees

April 22, 2014

President Durst called the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

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

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Lewis Bair, General Manager
Bryan Busch, Asst. Manager
Chad Navarrot, Operations Manager
Cathy Busch, Executive Secretary

29 Landowners/Water Users
(see attached sign-in sheet)

Agenda – On motion by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Leonard the Agenda was approved as submitted

BUSINESS ITEMS

1) Available Water Supply and 75 Percent Water Supply Operations

Water Supply - Manager Bair reported that the District will receive 75 percent dry year water supply as per the Settlement Contract terms. To help reduce impacts to Salmon, the Settlement Contractors voluntarily agreed to delay water deliveries for rice. In return USBR has provided contract flexibility for 2014.

2014 Water Operations – Assistant Manager Busch reported that the District will have restrictive water diversions, therefore changing the water operations of the District. He presented a proposed 2014 Water Operation for Board review and discussion. The District will setup a priority list that will be on a first come first serve. Water Users will prepare their rice fields up to rolling (must be ready for water within 36 hours) before they can call the District to be added to the priority list. At which time they will be given an estimated start date, then 36 hours before the start of their water District staff will call to confirm. Water Users will also be required to give a 24-hour notice before draining the field, so that water can be reused. It is hoped that after the slow start of rice water things will go back to more normal conditions. Planted crops will irrigate normally. After further discussion it was moved by Trustee Cornwell seconded by Trustee Doherty to adopt the 2014 Water Operations Policy with the elimination of “soon to be ready”. After further discussion the motion was amended to say “Water User can call to put field on

waiting list if prepared up to being rolled (ready within 36 hours). It was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Doherty and unanimously approved to adopt the 2014 Water Operations Policy as amended. President Durst asked that if Water Users have concerns or issues to contact either Assistant Manager Busch or Operations Manager Navarrot, so that the Watermen are allowed to do their job.

2. Water Transfers – President Durst said that discussion will be split between water transfers with the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority and South of the Delta. Assistant Manager Busch reported that the water transfer to the west would be with groundwater. The benefits to moving water to the west is that it is in line with the District's Water Transfer Policy that states the District's first priority would be to Agricultural water users within the Sacramento River Basin. It is estimated that about 2,000 acre-feet will be needed for both Colusa County Water District and Dunnigan Water District. After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty to transfer water to the west based on the terms of \$325 per acre-foot assuming DWR's historical transfer conjunctive use. Trustee Doherty rescinded his motion.

The Board discussed potential water transfers south of the Delta. This transfer would be with water created by crop shifting and idling. After further discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded by Trustee Cornwell and unanimously approved to transfer up to 7,500 acre-feet of water to Colusa County Water District and Dunnigan Water District made available through groundwater substitution and to transfer water to San Luis and Delta Mendota Water District up to 15,000 acre-feet with a voluntary crop shifting and land idling with the District retaining \$75 per acre-foot transferred by landowner with one field per landowner in a first priority group and if there is a balance of water, a second priority until the last priority group a lottery until all water is sold.

There was discussion on the excess groundwater. It was moved by Trustee Cornwell to sell excess groundwater to south of the Delta. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no comments from the public and no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lewis Bair".

Lewis Bair, Secretary/Manager