

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108

Minutes of the Special Meeting

Of the Board of Trustees

April 29, 2014

President Durst called the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 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
Kevin O'Brien, Legal Counsel by Conference Phone
Andrea Clark, Legal Counsel by Conference Phone
Landowners/Water Users
(see attached sign-in sheet)

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

OPEN FORUM

President Durst welcomed Landowners and Water Users and opened the Forum for discussion. He announced that the purpose of today's meeting was to finalize water transfers, but this is a great opportunity to ask questions about the proposed 2014 water operations.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Finalize the Terms and Procedures for a 2014 Water Transfer – Manager Bair reported that the District is looking at two separate water transfers, one to Colusa County Water District (CCWD) and Dunnigan Water District (DWD) and a second water transfer to the San Luis Delta Mendota Water District (SLDMWD). He reported that the transfer to CCWD and DWD is recommended to be structured using the existing in-lieu water transfer agreement that would transfer Project Water as approved earlier this year. The agreement does not require water to be transferred if the District is reduced to 75%, but it does offer Dunnigan and Colusa County Water Districts the first right of refusal for water made available at whatever price the District offers. The terms of the offer to sell water to CCWD and DWD could be at \$325 per acre-foot to be consistent with the TCCA offer sheet. A major benefit of this transfer would be the groundwater

basin recharge which will help the District if 2015 is another dry year. After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Leonard and unanimously approved to make Project Water available to CCWD and DWD under the In-Lieu Groundwater Recharge Agreement at a cost of \$325 per-acre foot and to offer other TCCA districts additional water at the going rate of \$500 an acre-foot.

The voluntary water transfer to the SLDMWD would make water available by landowner crop idling/shifting. The Board has originally approved a water transfer of 15,000 acre-feet, but the environmental document for the SLDMWD shows 20,000 acre-feet. Management is looking to see what amount of water the Board would like to make available. After further discussion, it was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Leonard and unanimously approved to offer up to 20,000 acre-feet to SLDMWD for a 2014 water transfer.

There was discussion regarding the definition of a landowner for use in the water transfers. Manager Bair said that he understood previous Board direction that a landowner was the majority ownership interest in the land. Therefore if there are several Trusts that own multiple pieces of land with only one operator, each of the trusts would be able to be on the list for one field per round of selection. It was the consensus of the Board to agree with Manager's Bair's definition of a landowner for the water transfer.

The Board reviewed the proposed agreements for the water transfer with SLDMWD. After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Doherty and unanimously approved to authorize Manager Bair to enter into agreements with the USBR to provide water to SLDMWD from the Central Valley Project for 2014, water sale agreement between the District and SLDMWA, and District landowners participating in the water transfer with SLDMWA pending legal review, and to do all things needed to complete this water transfer.

President Durst opened the meeting for questions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no comments from the public and no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Lewis Bair
Secretary/Manager