

# RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Trustees

November 17, 2016

President Durst called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

**Trustees Present:** Fritz Durst, Jon Leonard, Roger Cornwell, Sean Doherty and Hilary Reinhard

**Trustees Absent:** None

<b>Others Present:</b>	Lewis Bair, General Manager	Hal Charter, CCWD
	Gary Marler, Superintendent	Don Huff, III, Landowner
	Cathy Busch, Executive Secretary	Jon Segale, Public Relations
	Beverly Walls, Bookkeeper	John Louden, Colusa Supervisor
	Kevin O'Brien, Legal Counsel	

### Open Forum

President Durst welcomed the public to the meeting. Manager Bair reported that RD1500 and Sutter Mutual Water Company have expressed an interest in sharing an office facility in Knights Landing. A cost benefit analysis will be completed to compare costs and benefits of the current office location remodel and the Knights Landing shared facility.

Manager Bair reported on the interviews for the open management staff positions. He reported that the District had several good candidates to choose from and that he had one more interview scheduled for Friday. Manager Bair stated that one candidate, which he felt would be a good fit for the District's flood control issues, only wanted to work a 60 percent schedule. It was his recommendation that the District hire 1.6 Deputy Manager(s) and gradually bring up Jordon Navarrot as a Jr. support staff.

Manager Bair reported on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). He said that the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) boundaries must be resolved and an agreement must be submitted for each basin to DWR by June 30, 2017 with no boundary conflict. Colusa County efforts include an initial draft proposal that would present an MOU to DWR where all GSA eligible entities agree to work together as a single GSA. This process will include private groundwater pumpers represented by the Counties authority and will take a lot of work to pull all

the groups together. The District will also be a part of Yolo County's GSA and will work through a Joint Powers Authority (JPA).

Mr. Hal Charter, Director Colusa County Water District (CCWD), expressed that CCWD was still very interested in negotiating a multi-year water transfer with RD108. He said that the cost of the surface water from RD108 will have to be comparable to groundwater or it will be challenging to get landowners to buy the water instead of pumping. He said that the CCWD Board would like to continue to negotiate water transfers in a non-crisis mode.

The Public Forum ended at 9:37 a.m.

**Agenda** – It was moved by Trustee Cornwell to approve the Agenda as submitted. Trustee Doherty seconded. Vote: Approved 5 - 0.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

**Public Participation:** There were no further comments from the Public at this time.

**Consent Agenda** – It was moved by Trustee Cornwell to approve the consent agenda, including the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on October 20, 2016 with one editorial correction. Trustee Leonard seconded. Vote: Approved 5 - 0.

**Accounts Payable** – It was moved by Trustee Doherty to approve the accounts payable: Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$2,098,110, including a Wallace Weir project progress payment of \$1,328,567; and on-line payments issued in October and November to be ratified in the amount of \$2,537,423, including a Wallace Weir Progress payment of \$2,271,700; and Irrigation Fund in the amount of \$30,608 and payments in November to be ratified in the amount of \$8,675 Trustee Cornwell seconded. Vote: Approved 5 – 0.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

**1. Operations Report** –Superintendent Marler reported on District-wide operations. During inclement weather, staff inspected, cleaned and repaired District structures. He reported that the State has allocated \$100 million to assess and repair “system” pipe penetrations through the levees. These funds must be spent within two years. The timeline will be challenging. Superintendent Marler reported on the Rough and Ready Pumping Plant mechanical trash rack. District staff completed all the work on the trash rack except for the screens and he commended them for a job well done.

Superintendent Marler reported that the District received the final data on the Fall Levee Inspection. All items were categorized as non-urgent. Encroachments, ruts, surface depressions and rodent control issues have been corrected.

**2. Water Operations** – Manager Bair reported that because of the rainfall we have had, he does not expect Term 91 to be called. As of October 31, the District has diverted 153,940 acre-feet of water, including 16,237 acre-feet of Project Water. Manager Bair reported that the District participated in two USBR programs, Smelt Food Supply Action Project and Salinity and Delta Outflow Project, whereby approximately 8,800 acre-feet of Project water was used by USBR instead of the District. The District will be credited the cost of this water.

**3. Projects –**

- **KLOG** – Manager Bair reported that there has not been much progress on the KLOG Project. DWR is currently working on a final report that will determine what will be done. He noted that the design at Wallace has incorporated additional safety measures to avoid a similar occurrence.
- **Wallace Weir** – Manager Bair reported that construction has been going well and he described the completed work. The Project should be operable by mid-December before the start of the Winter Run salmon.
- **Mid-Upper Sacramento Flood Emergency Response Program** – Manager Bair gave a status report of the Project. He said that 14 flood protection containers will be purchased and filled with flood control equipment and supplies. They will be maintained and available to haul to a flood site, should they be needed. The Mid-Upper Sacramento Region is significantly better organized, should we have a flood event, because of this Project.

**5. Employee Salary Structure Program** – Superintendent Marler reviewed a proposed salary structure for field staff. He explained that there would be a maximum 10-step wage increase plus cost of living scale. It was his recommendation that current staff be brought up to the average regional salary for their position. After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Reinhard to adopt the Employee Salary Structure Program with cost of living increases using the CPI rate, and to bring staff up to the average of agencies in the surrounding area. Trustee Cornwell seconded. Approved 5 – 0.

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

**Attorney's Report** – Attorney O'Brien gave a status report on the Cal Water Fix. He said that the hearings have been going on since July. The Settlement Contractors gave testimony on the Project modeling. The Governor wants the Project approved and permit conditions are currently being developed. Attorney O'Brien gave a status report on the NRDC hearing. The Judge has delivered his ruling which included a schedule for additional information to be submitted.

**NCWA Report** – Trustee Cornwell reported on the current activities of NCWA. He reported that the dues for NCWA will remain at \$1.95 per acre. NCWA is working hard on communications with quarterly meetings and weekly calls. NCWA is also meeting with south of the Delta growers in attempt to work together on important water issues. NCWA will be hosting a meeting on functional flows on Monday.

**Sites JPA** – President Durst gave a status report of the Sites. He said that Mr. Jim Watson, Sites General Manager, is currently trying to expedite the EIS/EIR for the Project. The JPA Board meeting is scheduled for Monday.

**Communications Consultant** – Mr. John Segale, reported on current communications. Now that the elections are over, he is planning a tour for Robin Abcarian, LA Times.

**Manager's Report** – Manager Bair reported that he had nothing further to report at this time.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no comments from the public and no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lewis Bair  
Manager