

# Sacramento River West Side Levee District

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

August 23, 2017

President Tibbitts called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

**Commissioners Present:** Tom Ellis, Paul Sankey, Dan Tibbitts and Roger Cornwell

**Commissioners Absent:** Fritz Durst

**Others Present:** Meegan Nagy, Deputy Manager  
Gary Marler, Superintendent  
Ben Carter, Director CCFVCA  
Cathy Busch, Executive Secretary  
Beverly Walls, Bookkeeper

**Agenda** – Commissioner Cornwell moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Sankey seconded. Approved: 4 – 0.

**Public Participation:** There was no Public comment at this time.

### ADMINISTRATION

**Minutes** – It was moved by Commissioner Sankey to approve the minutes as presented with one editorial correction. Commissioner Cornwell seconded. Approved 4 – 0. The motion was amended by Commissioner Cornwell to make one correction as noted by Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Sankey seconded. Approved 4 – 0.

**Financial Report and Accounts Payable** – The Board reviewed the Financial Reports for July/August 2017, including the August Accounts Payables totaling \$49,294 and payments made during July totaling \$15,880. After discussion, Commissioner Cornwell moved to approve the August Accounts Payables and ratify payments made in July. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Approved 4 – 0.

**On-Line Banking** – Bookkeeper Beverly Walls requested authorization to make on-line payments to the following vendors: Sac Valley Landowners Association, The Tremont Group, Butte Sand & Gravel, Johnson Printing, Alsco Geyer Irrigation, Messick Ace Hardware, Fastenal, Smith & Newel

and Wallace Safe and Lock Company. It was moved by Commissioner Cornwell to authorize the above vendors be paid by on-line payments. Commissioner Sankey seconded. Approved 4 – 0.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

**1. Operations Report** – Superintendent Marler reported that staff have been working on burning and dragging the levee. Two large tree stumps were removed from the landside of the levee between the Gross Ranch and the Grimes Boat Landing. Debris from fallen trees on the water side of the levee have also been removed. Superintendent Marler reported that the District is planning to hold a flood fighting class at the District in November or December. Landowners who expressed an interest in taking the class in 2016 will be invited to attend.

Mr. Ben Carter entered the meeting at 1:20 p.m. Deputy Manager Nagy introduced Mr. Carter to the Board. Mr. Carter was appointed as the CCVFCA representative for the District at the last Board Meeting. President Tibbitts reported that Mr. Carter was concerned that he was not a landowner of the District, he pointed out that Mr. Carter is a Sacramento River Valley landowner and brings an expertise in landowner flood issues that will greatly benefit our landowners and the landowners of the Sacramento River Valley. Mr. Carter attend the meeting so that he better understands the concerns and issues of the District so that he can better represent the landowners.

**2. Flood System Repair Program (FSRP) - Missouri Bend Project** – Deputy Manager Nagy reported that they were moving forward with the Missouri Bend Project. The Cultural Report has been completed and will be sent to the CVFPB and the Corps with a letter requesting a categorical permission for the whole section of levee from Missouri Bend south for the permit. The physical survey has been completed and they are currently writing their report and the biological survey is also completed. Construction should begin in mid-May 2018. The Project consists of a narrower seepage berm, 20-feet wide, for the bulk of the Project, with 80-feet wide at the boil site only.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant (Missouri Bend) – Deputy Manager Nagy reported that she submitted a Notice of Intent for a Hazard Mitigation Grant for Missouri Bend and received a letter of approval to submit an application. She said that the District will be requesting the maximum of \$3 million. This is a 75/25 percent cost-share grant. Deputy Manager Nagy said that Mr. O'Regan estimated the cost to complete the grant application to be \$7,500. After discussion, it was moved

by Commissioner Ellis to authorize Deputy Manager Nagy to move forward with the application for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant at an estimated cost of \$7,500. Commissioner Cornwell seconded. Approved 4 – 0.

### **3. 2017 Flood Event**

- **PL84-99 Rehabilitation Assistance Request** – Deputy Manager Nagy reported that all Projects have been approved with Missouri Bend South being deferred. All District 108 sites have also been determined eligible. RGF site was determined not to be flood damage. The RGF decision can and will be appealed. The site at Cecil Lake was reduced from 1,700 feet to 50 feet, she will follow-up with the State on the length of the repair site. These decisions are currently being reviewed by the USACE South Pacific Division Region Office and we can modify the sites during the review process. All sites on the River will be repaired next year, RD108 sites will be completed November. She said that she has been talking with the State trying to get Cecil Lake approved for repair this year. On August 4, Deputy Manager Nagy received a call from AECOM telling her that the Corps has deferred the Cecil sites to the State and the State let her know that they want the Corps to make the repairs since they are eligible sites and the State can use those funds to repair other non-eligible sites. Deputy Manager Nagy will attend the Central Valley Flood Protection Board meeting and request that the repair site be extended and try and get the Project upgraded by the Corps. If the Corps does not agree to fix it, the State will help draft a contingency plan on what to do in case of a flood event. The estimated cost of these projects, including the Missouri Bend, is about \$7 million that will be spent on our levees at no cost to the Districts.

- **DWR Rehabilitation Program Consider Delegating Authority to Sign LCA** – Deputy Manager Nagy reported that the District received a draft Local Cooperation Agreements (LCA), one for the PL84-99 and one for DWR Rehabilitation Program. These Agreements will have to be signed before they begin the Projects which could be before the next Board meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to call a Special Board meeting if these agreements need to be signed prior to the Regular Board meeting.

- **FEMA Public Assistance** – Deputy Manager Nagy reported that she is continuing to work on the paperwork for the 2017 storm event.

### **4. Mid & Upper Sacramento River Regional Flood Management Plan** – The Flood Plan will be adopted at the Central Valley Flood Protection Board Friday. Phase 1 and 2 comments were supposed to have been covered in Phase 3 and 4 but did not happen. Workshops were held to include the Public in the process. It will be very important to watch how they move into the 2022 update and how they plan to obtain funding.

**Small Communities** – The Small Community Grants are near final authorization. The grants for Grimes and Princeton are still at DWR legal and have not been finalized yet. It is estimated that they will begin work on the Feasibility Study in October. The Scope of Work does not include Geotechnical exploration for Grimes or Princeton and Colusa will have limited Geotechnical exploration. There is concern that there will not be enough information in the reports to protect the small communities.

**Regional Conservation Investment Strategy & Mitigation Credit Agreements** – Deputy Manager Nagy gave an update on the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy and Mitigation Credit Agreements (Pilot Program). Moving forward with Colusa County and they have just agreed to extend the western boundary past the Colusa Basin Drain in order to capture most of the flat groundwater basin. A call has been sent out for Projects for willing landowners that want the technical assistance through the Environmental Defense Fund. RD108 has voted to move forward with District lands and to be part of the technical assistance. The Pilot Program has not reached the full Project acreage at this time.

**5. CVFPB Encroachment Permit for Yolo County Parks and Resources Department – Knights Landing Boat Launch** – The District received an Encroachment Permit from the CVFCB for Yolo County’s Knights Landing Boat Launch Project, Site Plan 63-3. The Board reviewed the Project and found no issues with the Project. It was moved by Commissioner Cornwell to approve the CVFCB Encroachment Permit for Yolo County’s Knights Landing Boat Launch pending execution of a District Encroachment. Commissioner Sankey seconded. Approved 4 – 0.

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

**Deputy Managers’ Report** – Deputy Manager Nagy reported that RD1500 has submitted a letter to DWR requesting sediment removal from the Tisdale Bypass. DWR responded, acknowledging the concerns of the capacity of the Tisdale Bypass and plans to complete a new survey of the channel to determine the need and extent of channel maintenance. The Board directed Deputy Manager Nagy to draft a joint letter from the District, RD108 and RD787 regarding the Tisdale Weir and mentioning other Bypasses that also have a buildup of sediment.

Deputy Manager Nagy reported that the SWIF is currently under review. The District was working toward having RD108 take the lead on the Deferred Maintenance Program. Legal counsel has recommend that each District do their own program, since there would not be enough liability protection for RD108 taking the lead.

**Adjournment** – There being no comments from the Public and no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Meegan Nagy  
Deputy Manager