

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Of the Board of Trustees

March 21, 2013

President Durst called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:34 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

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

Trustees Absent: Arnold Andreotti

Others Present:	Lewis Bair, General Manager	Gary Driver, Landowner
	Kathryn Chandler, Assistant Manager	John Miller, Landowner
	Chad Navarrot, Operations Manager	Joe Lauwerijssen, Landowner
	Cathy Busch, Executive Secretary	Mark Faye, Landowner
	Beverly Walls, Bookkeeper	Tom Ellis, Landowner
	Kevin O'Brien, Legal Counsel	Tom Cuquet, ACWA/JPIA
	Melody McDonald, ACWA/JPIA	John Haaf, ACWA/JPIA

ADMINISTRATION

Agenda – The Agenda was approved as submitted.

Consent Agenda – After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Cornwell and unanimously approved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Accounts Payable

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded by Trustee Miller and unanimously approved to approve the March Accounts Payable: Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$527,201; on-line payments to be ratified in the amount of \$41,657 and Irrigation Fund in the amount of \$1,961.

Public Participation Messrs. Tom Cuquet, and John Haaf, and Ms. Melody McDonald representing ACWA/JPIA attended the meeting to present the District with a check in the

amount of \$56,930 for their share of excess reserves for liability insurance held by ACWA/JPIA. President Durst accepted the check and thanked the ACWA/JPIA representatives.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Operations Report – Superintendent Navarrot reported on the progress of the installation of the new water measurement turnout facilities. 175 turnouts have been installed with about 90 percent of those installed having the pipes cleaned. Current progress is tracking lower total cost than estimated in the proposed fee schedule due in large part to the dry winter weather. He also complimented his crew as they have continued to find ways to improve installations and reduce costs.

Superintendent Navarrot gave a status report on the El Dorado Pumping Plant Maintenance Project.

2. Water Measurement Project (SBX-7) – Assistant Manager Chandler presented a draft form she proposes to use to work with Landowners on their fields and turnout sites. The two page form will include field numbers, number of turnouts, estimated costs and language stating that the turnout facilities will be owned and maintained by the District. The form will also include a drawing of the field with turnout sites marked. These sheets will become a District-wide inventory of turnouts for future use. It was suggested that language be included on the form and amendment to the Rules and Regulations that state that each turnout must be approved by the District in order to receive irrigation water. There was also discussion and consensus that all repairs and replacements to the turnout boxes damaged by Water Users, their employees or service companies will be paid for by the Landowner and/or Water User. There are currently a number of metered turnouts in use in the District. It was suggested that District staff work with David's Engineering to draft a metering policy for the Board's consideration.

3. El Dorado Pumping Plant Maintenance Project – Manager Bair reported that a detailed scope of work will be completed for the maintenance work at El Dorado Pumping Plant. Once completed the bid documents will be drafted for the sleeving work. Manager Bair reported that the District has an agreement with River Garden Farms (RGF) for use of the 2047 Pumping Plant that addresses maintenance and repair cost-share. Once the percent of benefit is determined for RGF, a cost-share recommendation will be brought to the Board for their

discussion and approval. Both Trustee Cornwell and Attorney O'Brien abstained from this discussion.

4. Resolution 13-04: Lead Agency in the DWR Flood Emergency Response State Grant for Mid/Upper Sacramento River Regional Flood Response Project – Manager Bair reviewed the Project with the Board. Manager Bair said that because of the lag time in the State reimbursing for costs of Projects, the District could have up to a 60 day cash flow issue. It was the consensus of the Board that they be notified if reimbursement is past 60 days and that all work on the Project be stopped until payments from the State are received. After further discussion, it was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Doherty and unanimously approved to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 13-04 in the matter of Authorizing Grant Application for Department of Water Resources Flood Emergency Response Projects – Statewide Grant for “Mid/Upper Sacramento River Regional Flood Response Project.” RESOLUTION NO. 13-04 is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

PROP 218 HEARING

At 10:a.m. Present Durst opened the Proposition 218 Hearing. Manager Bair reported that the District received one written protest against the proposed SBX7-7 Water Measurement Compliance Program Fee. President Durst said that the Hearing will stay open for 30 minutes to hear or receive any protest from Landowners. During this time Manager Bair reviewed what the SBX7-7 Legislation is and what the District needs to do to be compliant by 2016 Water Year.

At 10:50 a.m. the Hearing was closed with the District only receiving one protest. After further discussion, it was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Doherty and unanimously approved to adopt the proposed fee structure for the SBX7-7 Water Measurement Program.

5. Water Conservation Program – Assistant Manager Chandler reviewed the Water Conservation Program and proposed that the rate for metered water remain at \$15.15 per acre-foot of water. She said that since the District is now using more fresh water in the District to counter salinity issues, she was unsure what, if any, savings will be made on drainage costs and recommended this part of the Water Conservation Program be carried over to the April Board meeting. After further discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded by Trustee

Cornwell and unanimously approved to set the metered water rate for 2013 to \$15.15 per acre-foot.

INFORMATION REPORTS

NCWA's Report - Trustee Cornwell reported on the NCWA's Manager meeting. He said that there was discussions regarding creation of a 501C3 Corporation associated with NCWA, the current trip to Washington DC to meeting with representatives and staff, and possible district President's contacting GCID to discuss rejoining NCWA.

Attorney's Report – Attorney O'Brien gave a status report of the 9th Court Hearings and possible outcomes. He said that it could take until 2017 to make a final determination.

Sites Reservoir Report - President Durst reported that he was appointed the Chairman of the Sites JPA. The Executive Committee has been organized and has weekly phone meetings to keep the Project moving forward.

Assistant Manager's Report - Assistant Manager Chandler reported on the Prop 50 Groundwater Production Wells Project. She said now that the wells have been constructed, the motor size needs to be determined. She presented both 150 Hp and 250 Hp and discussed the impacts and costs of each size. After further discussion, it was to consensus of the Board to go with the 250 Hp motors.

Assistant Manager Chandler reported that the Groundwater Committee met to discuss the Groundwater Management Plan update and the possible impacts to landowners when the new Groundwater wells are operated. It will be important to record monitoring well data during any time that the new wells are run to develop information related to potential impacts to adjacent landowners.

Manager's Report - Manager Bair reported that he would invite Mr. Larry Mandelberg to the April Board meeting to meet the Board. Mr. Mandelberg helped facilitate the last Board workshop and was willing to assist the District again if it was the desire of the Board.

Manager Bair reported that the ACWA Spring Conference will be held in early May in Sacramento. He asked that any Board member interested in attending to contact Cathy Busch.

RECESS

At 1:00 P.m. the meeting recessed for lunch. Those present at the meeting were invited to join the Board for lunch. The meeting reconvened at approximately 1:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no comments from the public and no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.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