

# RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108

## Minutes of the Special Sites Landowner Meeting

December 14, 2018

President Durst called the Special Sites Landowner Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 14, 2018 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

**Trustees Present:** Fritz Durst, Roger Cornwell, Sean Doherty, Todd Miller and Hilary Reinhard

**Trustees Absent:** None

**Others Present:**

Lewis Bair, General Manager

Gary Marler, Operations Manager

William Vanderwaal, Deputy Manager

Anne Zwald, Secretary

See Attached for list of Landowners

**Agenda** – The agenda was approved as submitted.

### BUSINES ITEMS

**1. Landowner Update on Sites Reservoir Project:**

a. State Water Resources Control Board Update – Manager Bair gave a background summary of the State Board Hearing from Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Governor Brown is a strong proponent of the Voluntary Agreements. The Voluntary Agreement proposal includes three key elements: Water, a Science Program and Funding to make previous two happen. Local funding is split into two charges; a \$5/acre foot for project water to fund Water acquisitions and another \$1/acre foot for all water diverted to pay for science and habitat.

b. Sites Reservoir Project Presentation – Deputy Manager Vanderwaal gave an over view of the timeline. Phase One ends in March 2019 and the District has invested in 20,000-acre feet at \$48.50/acre foot. Today's discussion is for Phase 2019 which will be a cash call for \$60/acre foot and will go from March 2019 to Dec. 31, 2019. After December 2019, Phase Two will begin. Phase Three and Four would be the design and construction of the project with two different payment options; pay interest during construction or capitalize the interest until the project is in service. Deputy Manager Vanderwaal wanted to remind people that today's decision is only regarding Phase 2019.

**2. Determine Participation Level for 2019 Work Plan for Sites Reservoir:** After much public discussion President Durst made note that there are two decisions to be made: whether or not the District continues to participate in Sites Reservoir and if so, at what volume of water.

It was moved by Trustee Doherty to continue participation in the Sites Reservoir Project for the 2019 year. Trustee Miller seconded. Approved 4 – 1 with Trustee Reinhard opposing.

At what level of participation should the District be engaged.

It was moved by Trustee Cornwell to reduce quantity from 20,000 to 5,000. Motion died for lack of second.

It was moved by Trustee Doherty to participate at the 4,000-acre feet level. Trustee Cornwell seconded. Approved 3 – 2 with Trustee Reinhard and Trustee Miller opposing.

President Durst noted that moving forward, the District will need to decide how future Sites Reservoir participation will be determined. Trustee Reinhard noted that decisions need to be made early to provide time to develop the necessary structure that may be required.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comments from the public and no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lewis Bair  
Manager