

Reclamation District No. 1607

VAN SICKLE ISLAND-SOLANO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Notice of a Special Meeting

**In Person and Online Meeting of the Van Sickle Island Board of Trustees
has been called by Board Member Steve Thomas
Monday October 12, 2026 at 4:00pm
at the District Office at 4301 Inverness Drive Pittsburg, CA 94565**

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Meeting Agenda

1.Meeting Called to Order

2. Approval of Minutes 7/16/26, 8/25/26

3. Discussion Of Financial Statements and status of levee.

4. Engineer update on upcoming final FEMA work. Resolution 10.12.1. Shall the Board authorize the engineer to complete the project as presented.

5. Presentation By Curt Schmutte on Floating Marsh Project.

Curt Schmutte, former director of the DWR Delta Subventions Program and past consultant to the Metropolitan Water District will propose a project that could provide huge benefits to aquatic species in the Delta and offer financial support for Van Sickle Island levee maintenance projects. Landowners would need to allow varying levels of water management during the year in exchange for levee maintenance.

A comprehensive description of the special funding opportunities for this project can be found at:

<https://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/grant-program/prop-4/>

Resolution 10.12.2 Shall the District be allowed to be the lead agent in a special funding request to allow Van Sickle Island to explore special environmental processes in exchange for future levee maintenance?

6. Resolution 10.12.3 Declaration of Emergency in anticipation of El Nino storms.

Due to the expectation that the super El Nino weather condition is predicted to caused extreme rainfall in the delta this upcoming winter, shall the district declare an emergency to be able to obtain additional flood fighting supplies to be distributed by the county, state and federal sources? This would include asking for or purchasing special flood fighting materials such as K Rails, Aquadams or Muscle walls. Should the district authorize the purchase of such materials as necessary.

7. Resolution 10.12.4 Island Flood-up date. How and when should the district commence flood up for the 10/24 opening day of hunting.

8. Andrew Cain has been working with Ducks Unlimited on a project that would create a living levee on the inside slope of some of our parcels. Ducks Unlimited would like to apply for a funding grant to create a

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plan for our island. **Resolution 10.12.5 Shall the District give Ducks Unlimited the authority to apply for a grant of living levee on Van Sickle Island.**

9. Discussion and recommendation on driving on west levees when the levee gets wet. Discussion of estimated cost of placing gravel on the Honker Bay and Spoonbill levees.

Adjournment

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<https://rd1607.specialdistrict.org/2025-01-07-board-meeting>

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