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.

Background and Project Summary: Reclamation District No. 1607 (Van Sickle Island) is partnering with the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI), GEI Consultants, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), and the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) to advance a multi-benefit tidal wetland restoration and flood resilience project. The proposed project leverages state funding under the Delta Conservancy's Proposition 4 Climate Bond Grant Program to develop conceptual designs, ecology and hydrodynamic modeling necessary to position the District for future final design and construction funds. In alignment with state climate priorities, the project proposes to substantially improve perimeter levees to mitigate flood risk, contour interior landscapes for tidal marsh, and install operable control gates. These gates will enable managed tidal inundation during the spring, fall, and dry-year summers to export primary productivity ("fish food"), buffer Delta salinity, capture carbon, reverse island subsidence, and control invasive plants, while remaining closed during hunting season to preserve recreational operations.
Action and Next Steps: Board of Trustees approve a resolution authorizing the Reclamation District to act as the official project proponent and lead applicant for this Delta Conservancy planning grant. Upon Board approval, the technical partner team—consisting of SFEI, GEI, USGS, and MWD—will finalize the grant application materials in coordination with the District and submit the completed proposal in advance of the Delta Conservancy's October 24 deadline. Acceptance of this planning grant will facilitate the ecological evaluations, hydrodynamic modeling and engineering groundwork required to protect island infrastructure and secure long-term capital improvement funding.

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

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

Agenda Item: Authorization to Serve as Project Proponent and Submit Proposal for Delta Conservancy Proposition 4 Grant Funding

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 plan for our island. **Resolution 10.12.5 Should the Reclamation District authorize Aaron Will (Ducks Unlimited) to submit grant applications on behalf of the district for the purpose of funding the living levee project plan for the south side of Van Sickle Island. The district shall serve as the lead agent for these applications, with no financial obligation incurred by the district unless terms are further negotiated and approved by the board.**

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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Reclamation District No. 1607

VAN SICKLE ISLAND-SOLANO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Minutes of a Special Meeting

In Person and Online Meeting of the Van Sickle Island Board of Trustees has been called by Board President Kevin Confetti Tuesday August 25, 2026 at 4:30pm at the District Office at 4301 Inverness Drive Pittsburg, CA 94565

1. **The Meeting Was Called to Order by president Confetti at 4:31pm. In attendance in person were Bob Pinkston, Matt Stretch, Eric Conn, Chris and Nancy Lanzafame. Online attendees were Steve Thomas, Kevin Confetti, Andrew Cain and engineer Michael Moncrief. Mr. Moncrief submitted his summary of the damage and estimates of what it would take to make repairs before winter. He explained that he had met wih Marsh Rat tractor at the damage spot on marker 99 and that they discussed ways to move extra material into the area that was damaged due to high water and excess weight of material causing subsidence. He also explained that he had discussed the matter with Dutra Construction to see if they would be willing to return to the site and deliver additional rip rap up to the limits that were requested and approved by the original FEMA request. Steve Thomas and Andrew Cain both expressed their opinions that we should use every bit of funding that was approved. This matter was on the agenda in resolution 8.25.26.2.**

2. **Financial Statements and status of levee were discussed. Engineer Moncrief presented points from his Engineering report which is attached to these minutes.**

3. ***Action:*** **Resolution No 8.25.26.1**
Shall the District enter a sole source contract with Marsh Rat Tractor to repair the damage caused by severe subsidence on the Sacramento Levee leading to overtopping and loss of material. This motion was moved by Edmund Linscheid and seconded by Steve Thomas and passed unanimously.

4. Action: **8.25.26.2 Shall the district authorize MBK to explore the possibility of increasing the amount of fill material and or rip rap to the maximum quantities that were approved by our initial FEMA obligation. This motion was moved by Andrew Cain and seconded by Edmund Linscheid and passed unanimously.**

4. *Adjournment*: Mr. Confetti asked that the meeting be adjourned which was moved by Andrew Cain, seconded by Edmund Linscheid and approved unanimously at 5:44pm.

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Minutes of Special Meeting

Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 4PM

1. The Meeting was called to order by President Confetti at 6:02 pm. Besides President Confetti, Board member Bob Pinkston was also present and Trustee Andrew Cain was present remotely. Board members Thomas and Linscheid were absent. Also present were Secretary Chris Lanzafame, Matt Stretch, Eric Conn. Engineer Michael Moncrief SRCD water manager Brock Riggs were also in attendance remotely.

Mr. Confetti called for a motion to approve the minutes of minutes 3.4.26 and 3.24.26 which was made by Bob Pinkston and seconded by Andrew Cain and the minutes were approved as presented.

2. Mr. Lanzafame presented the Financial report and status of FEMA claim. These reports are attached to these minutes.

3. Engineer's Report. Engineer Moncrief presented his engineer's report which is attached to these minutes. Mr. Moncrief discussed that we have applied to FEMA for a hardship designation to help expedite the payment of FEMA funds to pay our contractors. Mr. Moncrief also discussed an upcoming meeting with the Delta conservancy to discuss possible future funding activities centered around carbon sequestration on the island.

4. Solano County Conflict of Interest Code biennial changes review.

Resolution 7.16.26-1: Are any changes to out Conflict of Interest Code Necessary? It was discussed and decided that no changes needed to be made on our contract of interest code at this time. Mr. Cain made a motion to keep things the way they are, The motion was seconded by Bob Pinkston and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Participation in Delta Subventions Program for 2926-27. Resolution 7.16.26.2 was discussed. Mr. Cain made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Mr. Pinkston and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED that the work included in Reclamation District No. 1607's ("District") 2026-2027 Delta Levee Subventions Program Application consists of the maintenance and/or repair of existing levee improvements which involves negligible or no expansion of said improvements' existing uses and, hence, falls within the categorical exemption to the California Environmental Quality Act set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301; that said work does not constitute an exception to the exemptions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and that the District's Engineer is authorized to prepare and file with the County of Solano the appropriate Notice of Exemption on behalf of the District.

RESOLVED that the President or Secretary of Reclamation District No. 1607 be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of this District that Agreement between The Reclamation Board of the State of California and Reclamation District No. 1607 covering participation in the Delta Levee Subventions Program pursuant to Part 9, Division 6 of the Water Code as amended by SB 34, Chapter 28, Statutes of 1988 for fiscal year 2026-2027 and the work to be reported to the State thereunder is determined to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) for the reasons set forth above.

Other Reports and Discussion Topics were discussed and will be acted on during future meetings??
Status of effort to increase assessments
Status of Honker Bay levee and ways to improve it.
Report on dealing with failing pipes and gates around the island.
What to do about Spoonbill Pump Repairs
BCDC code enforcement past and potential future actions

6. President Confetti called for a meeting adjournment at 6:05. The motion was made by Mr. Pinkston and seconded by Mr. Cain and the meeting was adjourned.

Balance Sheet
as of 10/11/26

Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash In Bank-County Fund 205	$ 2,259.94	
Cash in Bank acct 4290	32,679.12	
Accounts Receivable	38,191.42	
Total Current Assets		73,130.48
Total Assets		$ 73,130.48
Liabilities & Equity		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	$ 2,288,484.02	
Total Current Liabilities		2,288,484.02
Long Term Liabilities		
Time Warrants Payable	110,000.00	
Total Long Term Liabilities		110,000.00
Owners' Equity		
Equity	127,060.32	
Retained Earnings	(2,697,905.20)	
Current income	245,491.34	
Total Owners' Equity		(2,325,353.54)
Total Liabilities & Equity		$ 73,130.48