

# **Reclamation District No. 1607**

## **VAN SICKLE ISLAND-SOLANO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

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### **Minutes of Board of Trustees Reclamation District 1607 August 14, 2023 at 4 pm At the District Office**

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President Gerald Dinelli at 4:10 pm. Also present were Board members Kevin Confetti, Edmund Linscheid and Steve Thomas. Also present were Secretary Chris Lanzafame, Eric McConn, Matt Stretch, Mark Amaro and Nancy Lanzafame.

Mr. Lanzafame went over the current financial statements which showed that we had accumulated about \$350,000 with 2023-2024 lease payments from CRC, \$120,000 in time warrants and \$100,000 from 2022-23 subventions and 2017 FEMA reimbursements.

A discussion ensued regarding the costs and risks associated with the proposed preliminary repairs on the Sacramento Levee breaches. There was some discussion about whether we should wait until we hear from FEMA about their financial support but Mr. Lanzafame warned that the loss of interior levee crown width due to strong internal wind and wave action was accelerating to a dangerous level. Now that the money had become available and the risk of high tides diminished, it was likely the best chance to seal the breaches to allow the interior water levels to drop. This would be a risky repair as adding rip rap and material to the saturated levee could cause a subsequent failure. Discussion over the two proposal options centered around whether we should commit on the Decker Island material on option 2 or just approve the rock and free sand delivery of option 1. Engineer Mike Moncrief of MBK was summoned on the phone to get his take and he suggested choosing option 2 with the caveat that if the repair failed or a better source of material became available that Dutra would let us opt out of using the proposed Decker Island material in the proposal. Mr. Moncrief also explained the risks of adding too much weight to the levee and that the amount of money needed to actually complete final repairs was closer to \$3million now. Mr. McConn of the Concord club asked if we could put fabric or another protective membrane over the repairs to protect them from overtopping. Mr. Moncrief said he would ask Dutra to provide a price for doing that with Mirafar.

A motion was made by Mr. Confetti and seconded by Mr. Linscheid to accept option 2 but requesting that the district could ask to have a line-item veto to cancel the Decker material if better material becomes available or the whole project fails. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Moncrief then explained the many conversations he has been having with DWR regarding taking the lead in helping us with a major project. He stated that if we were to get help from DWR instead of FEMA it could be a faster process and an easier project regarding cash flow since FEMA would not advance money ahead of project work. There was a consensus that MBK should continue trying to get a commitment from DWR at this time as we wait for a word from FEMA.

Mr. Moncrief also described the difficulty in getting permits to place rip rap on the damaged area on Honker Bay. He explained that we would have to make repairs with dirt, sandbags and plastic before this winter.

Mr. Dinelli asked to approve minutes of the minutes of May 9, 2022 and January 5, 2023 and a motion was made and seconded and approved unanimously. (Confetti,Linscheid)

Mr. Dinelli asked for a motion to adjourn with was made by Confetti, seconded by Linscheid and approved by all. Adjournment was at 5:15 pm.