

# Reclamation District No. 1607

VAN SICKLE ISLAND-SOLANO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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## Minutes of Meeting Notice of Emergency Meeting Meeting of the Van Sickle Island Board of Trustees Tuesday January 21, 2025 at 4:00pm at the District Office at 4301 Inverness Drive Pittsburg, CA 94565 along with an online component

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Trustee Jerry Dinelli at 4:04 pm. Also present were Board members Robert Pinkston and Edmund Linscheid. Board members online were Steve Thomas and Kevin Confetti. Also present were Secretary Chris Lanzafame and Nancy Lanzafame. Andrew Cain and Engineer Michael Moncrief were also present online.

Minutes of 8/9/24, 9/16/24, 12/12/24, 12/16/24 and 1/7/25 were unanimously approved. (Motion Confetti, second Linscheid)

The board discussed the need to quickly seal the large break that occurred on the Sacramento River on Saturday December 14, 2024. Due to the failure of Lind Marine to deliver rock at the previously bid price with prevailing wage rates, their bid to deliver the rock increased to \$96,181 which was higher than the Dutra Bid. The previously approved bid is therefore invalid. The discussion centered around the need to secure the break as quickly as possible to protect from the break spreading and for increased damage due to north winds on the inside slopes of the levees. Since the bid from Dutra for \$86,000 to complete that delivery was still valid it was moved by Steve Thomas and seconded by Kevin Confetti to accept the Dutra bid.

### **Emergency Resolution No. 2024-14.**

**Shall the District enter into a contract with Dutra for approximately \$86,000 to provide 800 tons of Riprap to attempt to seal the break on the Sacramento Levee. An additional approximately \$35,000 shall be allocated to mobilize equipment on the ground to spread and compact the material that would be delivered later.**

Votes were cast individually and were, Thomas, Confetti, Dinelli and Pinkston in favor, Linscheid opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Lanzafame questioned whether the 800 tons of rock would actually be enough since the 500 tons of rock placed on December 20<sup>th</sup> just barely capped the ends of the break and Mr. Moncrief explained that 2 tons per foot is the general formula for spanning a breach and our breach is about 200 feet.

A discussion followed about the proposal from Lind Marine to deliver up to 3000 tons of dirt to the site which would cost 22.85 per ton at a max of \$68,550 if all 3000 tons is available. It was discussed how it was extremely important to get enough material to seal the break Mr. Confetti asked if we should consider getting additional material if they have more than 3000 tons and nothing was decided on that. Mr. Lanzafame reminded everyone that we were in extremely tight financial condition and that we critically needed the \$50,000 request from DWR for emergency support and hopefully an early lease payment (or two) from CRC gas company. Our district would be contracting with the Landify company who would have a contract with Lind Marine to deliver the dirt. We would be required to pay Landify for the dirt approximately in May but there was no payment agreement to evaluate yet. In an effort to speed up the process the following motion was proposed to get the ball rolling with the notion that if no contract was reached between Landify and Lind Marine and Landify with the District the proposal would not materialize. The proposal below was moved by Bob Pinkston and seconded by Mr. Confetti

### **Emergency Resolution No. 2024-15**

**Shall the District contract with Landify and Lind Marine to deliver up to 3000 tons of dirt material with a balloon payment due and payable in May. Approximate amount no greater than \$68,550?**

A roll call vote was made and was as follows: Thomas, Pinkston, Dinelli, Confetti, yes and Linscheid No. motion passed. Mr. Confetti asked Mr. Linscheid why he voted no on both motions and he explained that he wanted to wait until we had the finances secured before entering into this project. Mr. Moncrief explained that we would be spending about \$200,000 for this repair.

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Mr. Dinelli asked Mr. Moncrief to describe our status with our FEMA claim. Mr. Moncrief explained that we had moved through the lengthy EHP (environmental, historical preservation portion) process and now we are waiting for final congressional approval for the amount we have requested. It could take weeks or months to pass before a decision is made.

At 5:07 Mr. Dinelli called for an agenda and it was moved by Mr. Pinkston and seconded by Mr. Linscheid who also stated that even though he disagreed with the decision to move forward without defined funding, he would support the decision. The motion to adjourn was passed unanimously.

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