

# Reclamation District No. 1607

VAN SICKLE ISLAND-SOLANO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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## Minutes of Meeting

Van Sickle Island Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, August 7, 2019

A closed session meeting was called to order by President Jerry Dinelli at 6:13. In attendance besides President Gerry Dinelli were Trustees, Edmund Linscheid, and Mike Warriner. Trustee Jay Gudebski was on a teleconference line at a remote public location at 8457 Meeks Bay Ave, Tahoma, CA. The closed session was for a conference with Real Property Negotiator, Kelly Pope pursuant to Government Code §54956.8 - Property: APN 0090-050-080. Negotiating Parties: Richard and Jennifer Grillat and Reclamation District 1607. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment.

The Regular meeting was called to order by President Dinelli at 7:01. In attendance were Secretary Chris Lanzafame, Mike Luippold, Bob Pinkston, Bill Luippold, Matt Stretch, Nancy Lanzafame and Dominic Confetti. Trustee Jay Gudebski and Kevin Confetti were absent.

The minutes of the meeting of 3.19.19 were approved unanimously. (motion Warriner /second Linscheid.)

Mr. Lanzafame submitted financial statements which are attached to these minutes. The list of projects were discussed for ranking of importance and it was decided by consensus that the repairs on Honker Bay and the low spots between Concord Club and Spinner Island should take precedent.

Proposal 8.7.1 and 8.7.2 were approved as stated below (Warriner/Linscheid)

**8.7.1 RESOLVED** that the work included in Reclamation District No. 1607's ("District") 2019-2020 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.

**8.7.2 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 Central Valley Flood Protection Board 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 2019-2020 and the work to be reported to the State thereunder is determined to be categorically

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exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) for the reasons set forth above.

Matt Stretch brought up the topic of raising assessments as he and other members of the Concord Club feel that we haven't raised our assessments since 1998 and it is impossible to get all of the work done that we need to and still have a reserve of money put away for emergencies. A discussion followed in regards to what it would take to raise assessments. Mr. Lanzafame stated that we would have to have an engineer's report done to show how the increase would benefit all of the landowners and we would need an estimate of how much it would cost to draft a proposal to bring to the board. Mr. Warriner moved that we contact our engineer at MBK to find out what we would hope to achieve by raising assessments to present to the board and landowners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Linscheid and approved.

Mike Luippold brought up the fact that several PGE power poles were leaning badly creating a fire risk and that some unused poles have fallen or were moved to block the cross the island road where the riverside club accesses their ponds. They moved some out of the way. Mr. Lanzafame said he would contact PGE to see if they could repair the leaning poles and remove the abandoned ones. Also there was a general discussion from the Spoonbill club members and from Matt Stretch that we should mow the excess weeds on the east and west levees where there too much growth. Mr. Lanzafame said he would contact someone to get that done.

A motion was made by Ed Linscheid to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Warriner. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Chris Lanzafame  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees