

# **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 7, 2025 at 3:00pm**  
**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 3:04 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. Matt Stretch and Michael Moncrief were also present online.

The board discussed the need to quickly seal the large break that occurred on the Sacramento River on Saturday December 14, 2024. Several options were discussed using rock to arm the break and then to back fill with material to seal the 300-foot break site. Engineer Michael Moncrief of MBK explained that Dutra was going to be bringing a free load of 500 tons of rock and 1200 to 1500 tons of dirt to place in the break. In addition, Dutra offered a price to deliver an additional 800 tons of rip rap to the site a few weeks later for \$86,000. Mr. Moncrief also explained that he would apply on our behalf for an emergency grant of \$50,000 from DWR to help pay for rock and repairs. This would be 75% money meaning we would have to spend \$16,667 of our own money to use the grant. All agreed that this was an immediate and necessary course of action.

Mr. Thomas explained that Lind Marine and Landify had offered a package of clay dirt material of up to 3000 tons with a delivery price of between \$38,000 and \$57,000 depending on the actual quantity of material loaded. They offered a deferred payment of 6 months on this material. In addition, they offered to supply 800 tons of rip rap for \$79,500 for rip rap with a \$28,000 discount for the dirt delivery if the rock is purchased due to the barge already coming out to the work site. Payment terms for the \$79,500 in rock would be \$56,000 within a couple of weeks of delivery and the balance in a month or so.

Mr. Moncrief explained that we would also need equipment on the ground to move and compact the dirt into position. He suggested that an excavator and dozer would be adequate. He said that Dutra could coordinate the movement of that dirt with a time and material contract. Mr. Confetti suggested that maybe we could reach out to wetland construction to see if they are available but Mr. Lanzafame said there was no access to the levee from the north because of the flooding unless Spinner Island would allow a contractor to travel over their exterior levee over to the Sacramento levee. This would save the cost of delivering equipment by barge and speed up the repairs.

It was also discussed as to whether the district should use the \$76,685.80 debris removal grant from FEMA for this emergency work. Some of the board members thought we should not consider this option since the money was earmarked for Debris Removal. Mr. Thomas said that he talked to CalOES who encouraged us to use the money and do the debris removal later with our own money. Mr. Lanzafame stated that since this item was not on the agenda, we could not make a decision at this time and it was tabled for a future meeting if the need comes up.

Mr. Thomas moved that we contract with Lind Marine for the 800 tons of rock and up to 3000 tons of clay dirt to be delivered as soon as possible to the Island to fill the break along with hiring a contractor paying for time and material of up to \$25,000 to move and compact the material. The motion was seconded by Kevin Confetti and was approved with a 4 to 1 vote with board member Linscheid voting no.

Mr. Confetti moved that we request a \$50,000 emergency grant from DWR which was seconded by Mr. Linscheid and the motions was passed unanimously.

Mr. Thomas suggested that we should encourage people to pay their January 1 assessment Call # 250 as soon as possible and that we should solicit landowners to pay forward Call # 251 in advance to provide the necessary cash flow to pay for the rock delivery from Lind Marine.

President Dinelli asks for a motion to adjourn at 4:54 which was made by Mr. Confetti and seconded by Mr. Linscheid. The motion was approved unanimously.