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## RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1000 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 2023  
MEETING MINUTES

Members of the Board of Trustees and the public participated in this meeting in person and by teleconference. Present were Board President Elena Lee Reeder; Trustee Thomas Gilbert; Trustee Jag Bains; Trustee Thomas Barandas; Trustee Edwin Perez; Trustee Thomas Smith General Co-Counsel Rebecca Smith; General Manager Kevin King; Operations Manager Gabe Holleman; and Administrative Services Manager Joleen Gutierrez.

### 1. PRELIMINARY

#### 1.1. Call Meeting to Order

Board President Elena Lee Reeder called the meeting to order.

#### 1.2. Roll Call

ASM Gutierrez called the roll.

Present: Trustee Lee Reeder, Gilbert, Bains, Barandas, Perez, Smith

Absent: Trustee Avdis

*Trustee Gilbert departed following the approval of Item 6.1.*

#### 1.3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda change by GM Kevin King. Due to Trustee time constraints, he requested to move Item 8.1 (Closed Session Item) ahead of Item 6.

MOVED/SECOND: Trustee Lee Reeder/Trustee Bains

AYES: Trustee Lee Reeder, Gilbert, Bains, Barandas, Perez, Smith

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Avdis

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: The motion to approve the October 20, 2023, Board Meeting agenda with the requested order change is approved.

#### 1.4. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Gilbert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 1.5. Conflict of Interest (*Any Agenda items that might be a conflict of interest to any Trustee should be identified by the Trustee involved*)

There were no conflicts identified by the Trustees.

### 2. **PRESENTATIONS**

No Scheduled Presentations

### 3. **PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

*Any person desiring to speak on a matter that is not scheduled on this agenda may do so under the Public Comments section. Speaker times are limited to three (3) minutes per person on any matter within RD 1000's jurisdiction not on the Agenda.*

There were no public comments received or made.

### 4. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### 4.1. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: Update on activities since the September 2023 Board Meeting.

GM Kevin King provided a verbal update on activities in the past month.

He announced that he would begin sharing legislative updates from CSDA, the CA League of Cities, in the GM report. An Amicus brief was filed on behalf of the League of CA Cities on the Boise decision about camping ordinances and the ban on doing such. They are asking for clarification and determination on cruel and unusual punishment, imposing a camping ordinance or not, and how it impacts civil rights.

GM King stated the temporary ban on the ability to enforce the homeless encampment removal ordinance is still in effect. A case recently presented questions about the constitutionality of the ordinance. RD1000 will continue working with the City on this issue.

Removal of trash and debris along the Natomas East Main Drain Canal (NEMDC) is now complete. The RD1000 operations crew, the City of Sacramento, and area partners made this achievement possible. Councilwoman Karina Talamantes praised RD1000 at a Chamber of Commerce Lunch event and explained the importance of our levees to the attendees.

GM King said he would begin including pertinent articles in the board packets. A brief CSDA video highlighting RD1000's role in flood protection was played. The video is also available on the district's website and YouTube Channel.

GM King announced that the trustee training matrix had been passed out to all the trustees. Trustees were reminded to ensure they were current with their required Sexual Harassment Prevention and Ethics training for elected officials. Trustees were offered two options: to take qualified training courses independently and request reimbursement for course registration costs or have the GM or ASM set up training where training would need to be completed within a specified time frame.

The Highwater Jamboree will be held on Saturday, October 20, and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. RD1000 will have a booth at the event to provide information and giveaways. Trustees were invited to attend the event and help at the booth if available. The event will be for all ages and family-friendly.

Trustee Lee Reeder requested that the Board receive weekly precipitation and water level updates when high precipitation storms occur. GM King stated that WhatsApp is currently used for updates between shifts but that weekly email updates to Trustees could also be incorporated when pumping activities are activated and shut down. GM King assured the Trustees that the district is actively preparing for flood season.

Trustee Smith asked about the current available capacity at Plant 8, to which OM Holleman responded we are at 80%. He added that most pumping plants, including Plant 1A, are working and available for the flood season.

Trustee Lee Reeder asked when reconstruction for Plant 1B is planned. GM King announced that Reach A is scheduled for reconstruction in 2024; until then, Plant 4 remains offline.

#### 4.2. OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT: Update on activities since the September 2023 Board Meeting.

A copy of the Operation Manager's Report has been included in the October 20, 2023 Board packet.

Operations Manager Gabe Holleman announced that mowing activities were approaching an end. Encampment removals, sign postings, and cleanups have continued. The Home Depot, Airport, and San Juan area will be completed soon. Eighty thousand pounds of trash was removed from the NEMDC, and over 50,000 pounds have been removed from Steelhead Creek in conjunction with American River Flood Control and American River Water Alliance.

OM Holleman stated that routine pumping plant maintenance will begin next week. He mentioned a considerable amount of time has gone into Plant 5 design in this past period.

FMAP vegetation modification will kick off on October 30 from Sierra Health to Truxel Road.

Trustee Smith expressed his appreciation for the tough job our crews perform related to clean-ups.

4.3. DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REPORT: Update on activities since the September 2023 Board Meeting.

Co-Counsel Smith provided a verbal update of counsel's work during September 2023

Co-Counsel Smith informed the board that Initiative 21-0042A1 is subject to a petition for a hearing before the California Supreme Court to remove it from the ballot. Protest letters have been sent out by various parties expressing their concern about the initiative's implications for local agencies.

Co-Counsel Smith noted that she could provide trustees with required training options.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*The Board considers all Consent Calendar items routine and will adopt them in one motion. There is no discussion on these items before the Board votes on the motion unless Trustees, staff, or the public request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.*

MOVED/SECOND: Trustee Bains/Trustee Barandas

AYES: Trustee Lee Reeder, Gilbert, Bains, Barandas, Perez, Smith

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Avdis

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: The motion to approve the October 20, 2023, Consent Calendar is approved.

5.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes from the September 8, 2023 Board Meeting.

5.2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Approve Treasurer's Report for September 2023.

5.3. EXPENDITURE REPORT: Review and Accept Report for September 2023.

5.4. BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT: Review and Accept Report for September 2023.

5.5. WARRANT FOR FUND TRANSFER: Review and Consider Approval of Warrant for Transferring Funds between Investment Accounts.

5.6. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT: Review and Consider Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with KSN, INC. for Pumping Plant 8 – Final Design.

## 6. **SCHEDULED ITEMS**

6.1. AUTHORIZATION TO OPPOSE INITIATIVE 21-0042A1: Review and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-10-01 Authorizing General Manager to Join the “NO “on Initiative 21-0042A1 coalition, on behalf of Reclamation District No. 1000.

GM King reviewed Initiative 21-0042A1 and the implications it would have for RD1000. He presented the proposed ACA13, which would effectively oppose the initiative. CSDA and other agencies have formed a coalition opposing this initiative as well.

MOVED/SECOND: Trustee Lee Reeder/Trustee Smith

AYES: Trustee Lee Reeder, Gilbert, Bains, Barandas, Perez, Smith

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Avdis

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: The motion to approve Item 6.1 is approved.

6.2. CALMUTUAL (JPRIMA) ELECTION OF BOARD DIRECTORS: Review and Consider Selection of Cal Mutual Board of Directors.

GM King stated that the Cal Mutual Board of Directors is upcoming and suggested that the trustees consider reviewing the candidates.

Trustee Perez moved to send the ballot in to return the ballot for purposes of quorum only as he did not feel familiar enough with the candidates to form an opinion.

Trustee Lee Reeder inquired if any candidates had reached out, to which GM King stated no.

MOVED/SECOND: Trustee Perez/Trustee Bains

AYES: Trustee Lee Reeder, Bains, Barandas, Perez, Smith

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Avdis, Gilbert

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: The motion to approve Item 6.2 is approved.

## 7. **BOARD OF TRUSTEE’S COMMENTS/REPORTS**

7.1. BOARD ACTIVITY UPDATES:

GM King mentioned that the Hootsuite and Social Media Reports presented to the Urbanization Committee were given to all trustees. Social media training is being researched with the intention of having office staff receive it.

Trustee Perez is a candidate for the special district seat for LAFCo. Future LAFCo projects could be advantageous to participate in if Trustee Perez is elected.

- 7.1.1. RD 1000 Committee Meetings Since Last Board Meeting
  - Urbanization Committee (Lee Reeder & Smith) September 21, 2023
  - Executive Committee (Lee Reeder & Gilbert) October 4, 2023
  
- 7.1.2. RD 1000 Committees No Meetings Since Last Board Meeting
  - Finance Committee
  - Legal Committee
  - Personnel Committee
  - Operations Committee

## **8. CLOSED SESSION**

- 8.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Anticipated Litigation (Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(4).) Number of Cases: (1)

The Closed Session began following a 3-minute recess after the approval of Consent Calendar Items 5.1-5.6.

## **9. RECONVENE AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

- 9.1. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: Report any reportable action taken by the Board during Closed Session.

No reportable action was taken by the Board during Closed Session.

## **10. ADJOURN**

Motioned by Trustee Bains and seconded by Trustee Barandas. All trustees said Aye. The motion to adjourn the meeting was approved.