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RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1000 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JULY 12, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

Members of the Board of Trustees and the public participated in this meeting in person. Present were Board President Elena Lee Reeder, Board Vice President Thomas Gilbert, Trustee Thomas Smith, Trustee Edwin Perez, Trustee Tom Barandas, General Manager Kevin King, General Counsel Rebecca Smith, Operations Manager Gabriel Holleman, Administrative Services Manager Joleen Gutierrez, and Administrative Assistant Christina Forehand.

1. PRELIMINARY

1.1. Call Meeting to Order

Board President Elena Lee Reeder called the meeting to order.

1.2. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Lee Reeder, Gilbert, Barandas, Perez, Smith

Trustees Absent: Bains, Avdis

1.3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED/SECOND: Trustee Perez/Trustee Barandas

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bains, Avdis

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: The motion to approve the agenda for the July 12, 2024, Board Meeting is approved.

1.4. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Gilbert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.5. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Scott Sheldon from Terra Realty Advisors presented several District property sites that could potentially host digital billboards to generate revenue. He discussed each site's pros, cons, and permitting requirements to address in order to proceed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

No Public Comment Received.

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4.1. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: Update on activities since the June 2024 Board Meeting.

General Manager King provided a brief overview of items not included in the General Manager's Report.

Operations

General Manager King informed the Board that the U.S. Supreme Court recently overturned the Martin v. Boise ruling. This ruling had previously prevented enforcement of camping ordinances on public properties. GM King does not anticipate an immediate change to current District operations or how the District addresses encampments. This is because enforcement of camping ordinances are managed by local law enforcement agencies. Decisions on addressing unauthorized encampments will still be made primarily at the City and County level. However, the ruling does provide the City and County with more options for managing encampments and the District will continue to work cooperatively with the City and County and within the constraints of the resources made available.

CA Initiative 1935

GM King informed the Board that the CA Supreme Court had removed the Taxpayer Protection Act (CA Initiative 1935) from the November ballot. The court ruled that the proposed changes to voting thresholds for new taxes amounted to a revision of the state constitution, which cannot be enacted via a citizen initiative. This decision preserves the existing requirements for voter approval of new taxes and fees. Local governments must still obtain a majority of voter approval for general taxes and two-thirds of voter approval for special taxes.

4.2. OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT: Update on activities since the June 2024 Board Meeting.

Operations Manager Holleman updated the Board on several ongoing and upcoming activities. The district is currently focusing on mowing throughout the basin, as well as encampment removals and clean-ups. OM Holleman also informed the Board that the FSRP program is expected to start in the next few weeks. Meanwhile, the District's

contractor for the FMAP program has already begun removing vegetation along the levees.

Trustee Smith asked if fire was ever an issue when mowing during the summer. OM Holleman responded that the district has a water truck, and staff conducts fire suppression to prevent fires.

Trustee Lee Reeder inquired about using goats in the FMAP vegetation removal program. OM Holleman replied that the District would not be using goats this year due to cost.

4.3. DISTRICT COUNSEL’S REPORT: Update on activities since the June 2024 Board Meeting.

District Counsel provided a verbal update on activities in June 2024.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Board considers all Consent Calendar items routine and will adopt them in one motion. These items will not be discussed 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 Perez/Trustee Barandas

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bains, Avdis

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: The motion to approve the Consent Calendar items 5.1 - 5.7 is approved.

5.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2024.

5.2. TREASURER’S REPORT: Approve Treasurer’s Report for June 2024.

5.3. EXPENDITURE REPORT: Review and Accept Report for June 2024.

5.4. BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT: Review and Accept Report for June 2024.

5.5. INVESTMENT REPORT: Review and Accept Report for June 2024.

5.6. OFFICIAL PAY RATE SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025: Review and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-07-01 Adopting Official Pay Rate Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

5.7. ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT DEED: Review and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-07-02: Authorizing General Manager to Accept Flood Control Works Easement Deed from Sacramento Flood Control Agency.

6. SCHEDULED ITEMS

6.1. PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT: Review and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-07-03 Authorizing Levying of Operations and Maintenance Assessment for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

Board President Lee Reeder formally called the Public Hearing to order and directed staff to provide a brief overview of agenda item 6.1, adopting the Fiscal Year 2024/2024 Operation and Maintenance Assessment.

GM King briefly reviewed the historical process of adopting the District's annual O&M Special Benefit Assessment, which predates Prop 218. Last fiscal year, the District reduced the Special Benefit Assessment by 60% following the adoption of the Stormwater Fee. However, due to delinquencies and changes in land use, the District did not meet its financial objectives last year and is proposing a 2% year-over-year escalated increase to the Special Benefit Assessment. This would increase the assessment from \$0.30/\$100 to \$0.31/\$100 of assessed value.

Trustee Smith inquired if any pushback would be anticipated from an increase. GM King does not anticipate much pushback as the District received no public comments before the noticed Public Hearing. Trustee Lee Reeder also stated that the District has not increased its assessment in over 30 years, which has contributed to a funding gap, and an increase would be necessary to keep pace with costs and avoid a growing deficit.

No public comments were made during the Public Comments period.

Trustee Lee Reeder formally closed the Public Hearing.

MOVED/SECOND: Trustee Perez/Trustee Barandas

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bains, Avdis

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: The motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2024-07-03 is approved.

6.2 CERTIFICATION OF LEGAL PROCESS FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT: Review and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-07-04: Certifying to the County of Sutter the Validity of the Legal Process Used to Place Direct Charges (Special Assessment) on the Secured Tax Roll for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

GM King informed the Board that this would be for the same Special Benefit Assessment as previously adopted in item 6.1, with the same recommendation to increase the Special

Benefit Assessment by 2%; it was just a matter of legal process required by Sacramento versus Sutter counties.

MOVED/SECOND: Trustee Smith/Trustee Barandas

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bains, Avdis

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: The motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2024-07-04 is approved.

6.3 STORMWATER SERVICE FEE: Review and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-07-05: Authorizing The Levy And Collection Of The Stormwater Service Fee For Fiscal Year 2024/25.

GM King provided a brief overview of the Stormwater Fee, which was initially adopted through the Prop 218 election during the last fiscal year. The District's annual Stormwater Fee has a built-in escalation rate of 2%. The District is not required to revalidate the fee study annually. The Stormwater Fee adoption process would be for both counties, Sacramento and Sutter.

MOVED/SECOND: Trustee Gilbert/Trustee Smith

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bains, Avdis

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: The motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2024-07-05 is approved.

7. **BOARD ACTIVITY UPDATES:**

7.1.1. Committee Meetings Since Last Board Meeting

- Executive Committee (Lee Reeder & Gilbert) July 3, 2024

7.1.2. Upcoming Meetings

- SAFCA Board Meeting – July 18, 2024 @ 3:00 pm
- RD 1000 Executive Committee Meeting – July 31, 2024 @ 8:00 am
- RD 1000 Board Meeting – August 8, 2024 @ 8:00 am

8. **ADJOURN**

MOVED/SECOND: Trustee Perez/Smith

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bains, Avdis

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: The motion to adjourn the meeting is approved.