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RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1000 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**September 8, 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 Nick Avdis; Trustee Thomas Barandas; Trustee Edwin Perez; General Co-Counsel Rebecca Smith; General Manager Kevin King; Operations Manager Gabe 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

ASM Gutierrez called the roll.

Present: Trustee Lee Reeder, Gilbert, Avdis, Barandas, Perez

Absent: Trustee Bains, Smith

1.3. Approval of Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

MOVED/SECOND: Trustee Avdis/Trustee Perez

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Bains, Smith

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: The motion to approve the September 8, 2023, Board Meeting agenda is approved.

1.4. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Perez 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 August 2023 Board Meeting.

General Manager Kevin King announced the District received CSDA's "Exceptional Outreach and Advocacy Award." Five trustees, the general manager, and the operations manager attended this conference. Greg from NBS and Eric from Page Design provided a 1.5-hour presentation about the District's various outreach project elements and how we navigated Prop 218. PR Newswire featured a press release of this achievement, and CSDA will also feature RD1000 in their September-October magazine edition (article: Small District Wins Big Award).

GM King made known the City of Sacramento has confirmed that the Highwater Jamboree will be held on October 21 at North Natomas Regional Park. Trustees are welcome to attend and help at the event. Set-up will begin at 7 a.m., and the event will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

GM King made known there is a statewide ballot initiative 21-0042A1 to amend the California Constitution (sponsored by the California Business Roundtable). As written, the initiative would restrict local and state governments and special districts from enacting, modifying, or expanding taxes, assessments, fees, and property-related (Prop 218 and Prop 26) charges. CSDA has issued a Take Action Brief, and GM King will submit a letter of opposition to CSDA on behalf of the District. General counsel is looking into the initiative and its challenges should it continue to move forward. Separately making its way through the legislature is ACA 13, an Assembly Constitutional Amendment that removes some troubling language from Initiative 21-0042A1. GM King will continue to monitor this legislation.

Trustee Barandas asked about the objective of the initiative. GM King explained that the purpose is to restrict new taxes, fees, and unjustifiable assessments. It would impact the ability to generate funds to provide essential services.

Trustee Perez inquired if the constitutionality of the retroactive date had been questioned. GM King explained that this was an ongoing conversation with the District's general counsel and that their legal opinion would be provided to the Trustees.

Trustee Gilbert asked about the supporters of the initiative, to which GM King stated that he had not yet read through the supporters. Trustee Lee Reeder expressed her concern.

Trustee Perez shared his plan to attend the Highwater Jamboree event and encouraged all Trustees to consider attending; many of our flood partners will attend.

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

A copy of the Operation Manager's Report has been included in the September 8 Board packet.

GM King announced the City's stay on encampment removals still affects our ability to conduct trash removals; however, district crews will continue to remove trash around the district, avoiding campers.

GM King reported that RD1000 has prevented the re-establishment of homeless encampments along the NEMDC. Still, the current spending on additional security patrols may be unsustainable if we do not receive support from other partners; the District's level of participation may need to be reevaluated, and we would rethink our approach.

Trustee Avdis stated that as a member of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), trash removal from the region's waterways is a priority. The RWQCB recognizes RD1000's extensive cleanup efforts.

Trustee Lee Reeder stressed the importance of the Steelhead Creek Cleanup being more evenly balanced in cost and burden sharing.

Trustee Perez asked if the City's injunction affected RD1000's cleanup efforts, which OM Holleman confirmed.

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

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

Co-Counsel Smith informed the board that a legal analysis of Initiative 21-0042A1 would be provided. She informed the Board of a class action lawsuit against CalPERS alleging that CalPERS has underpaid. The district has been named in this action along with 1499 other agencies.

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 Gilbert/Trustee Avdis

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Bains, Smith

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: The motion to approve the September 8, 2023, Consent Calendar is approved.

5.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes from the August 11, 2023 Board Meeting.

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

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

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

5.5. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION: Review and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-09-01: Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a Financial Assistance Application for Disaster Assistance with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

6. SCHEDULED ITEMS

No Scheduled Items

7. BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS/REPORTS

7.1. BOARD ACTIVITY UPDATES:

7.1.1. RD 1000 Committee Meetings Since Last Board Meeting

- Executive Committee (Lee Reeder & Gilbert) August 22, 2023

7.1.2. RD 1000 Committees No Meetings Since Last Board Meeting

- Finance Committee
- Legal Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Operations Committee
- Urbanization Committee

8. CLOSED SESSION

There were no Closed Session items.

9. ADJOURN

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