

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1000  
Board of Trustees Action Summary  
April 14, 2017  
1633 Garden Hwy  
Sacramento, CA 95834

Trustees Present: Avdis, Christophel, Gilbert, Harris, Jones and Smith  
Trustees Absent: Barandas

Staff in Attendance: General Manager Devereux, Secretary Figueroa, Superintendent Caldwell  
Attorney James Day, PR Consultant Karen Pardieck.

**1. Employee Recognition – 2017 Winter Storm Events**

The District's field crew employees were all in attendance at the Board meeting. GM Devereux reported that as of April the 2016/2017 flood season is the wettest year on record, surpassing the record flood season of 1982/1983. Trustee Smith, on behalf of the board expressed his appreciation of the crew and recognized the care and safety the crew took during 31 days of 12 hour shifts. Trustee Jones expressed her appreciation on behalf of the Natomas residents for the hard work of the staff. Both Trustee Smith and Trustee Harris noted the impact of Oroville's emergency situation as something that should be reflected upon in the future to better improve flood season procedures.

**2. Approval of the Minutes – March 2017**

Trustee Christophel inquired about Trustee Avdis' abstention and recusal from voting during March 2017's board meeting on item 4B. It was confirmed that he both abstained from voting and topic discussion of item 4B.

It was moved by Trustee Harris to adopt the minutes of March 10, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Avdis, duly put and carried by a unanimous vote.

**3. Administrative Items**

**A. Treasurer's Report for March 2017**

Fund Balances for March 2017 are as follows:

Checking:	\$ 146,981.46
Money Market:	\$ 617,724.53
County Treasurer:	\$ 3,367,517.07
LAIF:	\$ 1,724,487.20
City Pool A:	\$ 1,010,894.68

Motion by Trustee Harris to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Christophel, duly put and carried by a unanimous vote.

**B. Expenditure Report for March 2017**

The expenditures for the month of March 2017 were \$379,783.93. Expenditures from the Operations and Maintenance Fund were \$376,868.93 and \$2,870.00 from the Capital fund.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. SAFCA Representatives**

Trustee Avdis reported on his trip as SAFCA representative to Washington, D.C. He reported that there was authorization of the General Re-evaluation Report as well as legislation that would allow for the future transfer of SAFCA credits to the future Folsom Dam raise project. As of April, funding for future flood control projects at the federal level is unknown and was not revealed in the “skinny budget”, however, funding should be known in May when the President proposes his budget. There is currently no anticipation of a government shutdown. The current budget for 2017 is showing more funding for Corps Projects.

**B. Executive Committee**

President Smith reported the Executive Committee met on April 4 to review the agenda for the April 14 Board meeting. Minutes from the meeting were included in the Board packet providing further detail of business conducted during the April 4<sup>th</sup> Executive meeting. In attendance at the meeting were Trustees Smith and Barandas, and General Manager Devereux. Trustee Harris participated via telephone.

**C. Urbanization Committee**

Trustee Jones reported the Urbanization Committee met on March 15. The committee discussed current Corps Projects and how information could be better provided to the Natomas community. GM Devereux provided the committee an update on the System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) as well as encroachment standards. Also discussed and provided by GM Devereux to the committee were updated off-duty Sheriff Patrol protocols. GM Devereux reported to the committee that Metro Airpark development construction has begun and potential further updates are pending information provided by Mead & Hunt. In attendance at this meeting were Trustees Jones and Avdis, GM Devereux, Trustee Gilbert was absent. A copy of the minutes was included in the Board packet.

**D. Finance Committee**

Trustee Gilbert reported the Finance Committee met on April 7. The committee discussed the two proposals received from accounting consultants for outside accounting services. The committee felt Robert Merritt, the current accountant for American River Flood Control working with Chavez Silva Associates would be the best option. They later met with Mr. Merrick to discuss his proposal. Trustee Gilbert recommended that the board proceed with choosing Mr. Merrick working through Chavez Silva as the new accountant for the district, to be voted on in Agenda Item 5B, and feels Mr. Merritt's recent joining of the Chavez Silva firm will provide a

benefit to the district. Also discussed was continuing with Bartell and Associates, used previously, for the district's actuarial needs regarding GASB 68 (pension) and Total Compensation for the GASB 43 (OPEB). In attendance at this meeting were Trustees Gilbert and Harris, ASM Figueroa and GM Devereux. Trustee Smith was absent. A copy of the minutes was included in the Board packet.

## **5. BOARD BUSINESS**

### **A. Approve Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Masterplan**

Eric Burns, an associate of A T.E.E.M. Electrical Engineers provided a brief discussion regarding the SCADA master plan. Mr. Burns discussed how SCADA would make our flood control operations more efficient, by reducing stress on the crew as well as ensuring the data would direct staff to where they are most needed during flood season. It would also provide water conservation by sharing data with Natomas Central Mutual Water Company.

There was a brief discussion regarding the security of such a system, the chances of signal interruption and the merits of having an open frequency vs a dedicated frequency which can be licensed and purchased.

Trustee Harris inquired about the costs variance between each phase. Mr. Burns responded that the most expensive would be Phase 1 due to the costs of equipment and towers, however, ongoing maintenance and subsequent phases would be significantly less due to equipment reliability. Estimated projection is that 80% of costs would occur in Phase 1.

Trustee Smith stated more details regarding the SCADA master plan would be discussed during Operations Committee meetings and recommended proceeding with implementing the plan. Information regarding the SCADA master plan was included in the Board packet.

After discussion it was moved by Trustee Harris to approve the SCADA Master Plan as prepared by A.T.E.E.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jones, duly put and carried by a unanimous vote.

### **B. Consultant Contract for Outside Accounting Services.**

It was recommended by the Finance Committee to proceed with the contract for accounting services based on the proposal provided by Chavez/Silva & Co and interview with Robert Merrick.

After discussion it was moved by Trustee Christophel to authorize the General Manager to execute the contract with Chavez/Silva & Co. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jones, duly put and carried by a unanimous vote.

**C. Five Year Cash Flow and Budget Projections (Information Only)**

GM Devereux provided a presentation of cash flow projections for the District for the next 5 years. A copy of these projections were included in the board packet.

Trustee Jones left the meeting at 9:13 am

**D. 2017 Winter Storms – FEMA Disaster Assistance Application (Information Only)**

GM Devereux reported that three Federal Disasters were officially declared for the 2017 Winter Storm season with specific dates. The district is in the process of requesting CalOES disaster reimbursement for eligible costs. Detailed information was included in the board packet.

**E. Change May Board Meeting Date**

GM Devereux requested that the May 2017 Board Meeting date be rescheduled to May 19, 2017.

It was moved by Trustee Harris to reschedule the May Board Meeting to May 19<sup>th</sup> as requested. The motion was seconded by Trustee Christophel, duly put and carried by unanimous vote.

**6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**A. Regional Flood Control Issues**

General Manager Devereux stated Trustee Avdis has covered most of the regional flood control issues.

**B. Flood Season Update**

General Manager Devereux reported that there was a storm projected for the next week but rainfall would be less than experience during the previous winter storms this year.

He reported Shasta is at 95% capacity and increased releases are anticipated. Oroville is at 89% and it is expected they will reopen the old spillway. Folsom is currently at 69%, slightly below average and there is a possibility of releases from Folsom. The river levels remain high.

**C. Update Corps of Engineers – Natomas Levee Project**

General Manager Devereux reported on the Corps of Engineers contract for Reach I of the Natomas Levee Project. The contract will be awarded in June and work near I-5 is projected to start this year, if there are no further bid protests. The Corps is trying to award contracts for reaches H and D this year to begin construction in 2018.

**D. Encroachment Permits**

GM Devereux reported that there were no new permits endorsed

**E. New Well Construction at the Corporation Yard**

General Manager Devereux stated due to contamination of the corporation yard well, a new deeper well will need to be drilled. Anticipated costs for this project is estimated to be \$30,000. Treatment of the current well does not appear to be an option requiring a deeper well to be drilled to avoid contamination that is in the ground.

**F. Audio Visual Improvements to Board Room**

General Manager Devereux reported that the office is currently researching a new audio/video system for the board room and gathering proposals.

**G. Development Project Coordination Activities**

General Manager Devereux reported he attended a Panhandle development information meeting and is working with City Planning to accommodate necessary right of way for the proposed Corps improvements in the District.

**H. Creek Week**

General Manager Devereux stated Creek Week is set to occur from 4/21 through 4/29. At this time locations for clean-up still need to be confirmed.

**Plant 1**

GM Devereux reported the transformer at Plant 1 failed and was replaced with the spare transformer, which also failed shortly after installation and repowering. The District is currently working with SMUD to determine the cause and on a resolution.

**7) Trustee Reports**

No reports.

**8) Public Outreach Report – Karen Pardieck**

Ms. Pardieck reported GM Devereux's presentation during the State of Natomas Luncheon was well received. A new community association has formed in Natomas and will be meeting with her and GM Devereux to discuss the District.

Ms. Pardieck also discussed that she would be putting up a feature on crew member Hall on Face Book and planned to feature all the members of the staff individually, eventually, on social media.

Ms. Pardieck reported that the Flood Model has been returned from the Natomas School District and that she has received some feedback on how to better improve using the Flood Model in the future as well potential future presentations.

A new video by the California Special District Association featuring the District is also currently in the works.

9) **District Counsel's Report**

Attorney Day reported on activity of his firm on behalf of the District for March 2017.

10) **Superintendent's Report**

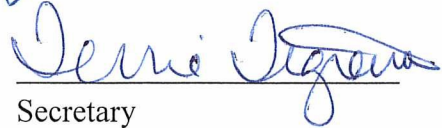
Superintendent Caldwell was not in attendance. In his place was Foreman Del Castillo. A copy of the Superintendent's report was included in the board packet.

11) **Correspondence/News/Information**

A copy of an article in N Magazine was included in the board packet

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

  
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