



**RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1000  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**APRIL 8, 2022  
MEETING MINUTES**

In compliance with CA Assembly Bill 361, members of the Board of Trustees and members of the public participated in this meeting by teleconference. This meeting was recorded without objection. Present were Board President Thom Gilbert; Board Vice President Elena Lee Reeder; Trustee Nick Avdis; Trustee Jag Bains; Trustee Tom Barandas; Trustee Chris Burns; Debra G. Jones; and General Counsel Scott Shapiro; General 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 Thom Gilbert called the meeting to order.

1.2. Roll Call

Present: Trustee Thom Gilbert, Trustee Elena Lee Reeder, Trustee Tom Barandas, Trustee Chris Burns, Trustee Debra G. Jones

Late Arrival: Trustee Jag Bains (8:02 am)

1.3. Approval of Agenda

There were no staff changes to the agenda.

General Manager Kevin King noted a quorum of the Board attended the April 7 Personnel Committee Meeting; it turned it into a Special Board Meeting. GM King will compile the meeting minutes from the meeting and provide them to the Board in the May board packet.

GM King noted that Trustee Jag had joined the meeting just before the agenda roll call vote.

Moved/Second: Trustee Burns/Lee Reeder

Ayes: Trustee Thom Gilbert, Trustee Elena Lee Reeder, Trustee Nick Avdis, Trustee Tom Barandas, Trustee Jag Bains, Trustee Chris Burns, Trustee Debra G. Jones

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Action: Motion to approve the April 8, 2022 Board meeting agenda is approved.

1.4. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Thom 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 at this time by the Trustee involved*)

No Trustee conflicts of interests were identified.

## **2. PRESENTATIONS**

### 2.1. No Scheduled Presentations

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

### Patrick Tully

Patrick Tully from the Garden Highway Community Association stated he recently sent two letters to the Board. One letter is about removing landscaping and encouraging a meeting between the two groups. Mr. Tully invites anyone out to look at the actual situation on the ground. He stated he made a third request for documents under the Public Records Act for some key documents not shared previously with the association or the public. He asked that his request is on record and again encouraged the Board to work with the Garden Highway Community Association. The District's current notification of 100 people amounts to over 50% of the people living on the waterside, making it a considerable number. Mr. Tully thanked the Board for their time.

General Manager Kevin King stated that Mr. Tully's letter was received on April 5, 2022, and the Board was furnished with a copy. A copy of the letter has also been included in the Board packet for the April 8 Board meeting. GM King stated the District has ten days to respond to Mr. Tully's public records request.

### Gibson Howell

Gibson Howell stated he viewed the recording of the last public meeting in February. During the meeting it was stated in Zone 1 or Zone 2 trees were ok as long as they were pruned up to 5 feet. Mr. Howell states the writings of Zone 1 and Zone 2 do not specify trees being ok. He wonders why it was publicly stated that trees pruned up to 5 ft within Zone 1 and Zone 2 are ok, but in all the writing of the variance where it says 'waiver,' it only mentions small shrubs and foliage of that nature. He requested direction in locating language that states trees pruned up to 5 feet are ok.

Mr. Howell mentioned the new levee prism and SAFCA's Settlement Agreement, where language therein stated the levee prism would change, making the new levee (engineered side) the east side of Garden Highway/the land side of Garden Highway. Mr. Howell requested information on how the levee prism was designed and if the design is being considered.

General Manager Kevin King stated the next informational session for the public would be held on April 27 and encouraged Mr. Howell to attend. GM King will take Mr. Howell's questions into account and will address them at the community meeting. The meeting will also be recorded and posted to the RD1000 website ([rd1000.org](http://rd1000.org)) under "Seeing Levees Saves Lives."

Mr. Howell asked to add a third item. For houses that are on fill, there is no way to see the toe of the levee prism regardless of whether you can see through past the fog line on Garden Highway in either direction. If you can see entirely through someone's driveway off the levee toe side just by looking through the driveway, would that be considered acceptable?

GM King confirmed Mr. Howell's questions are on record, and if he has any more questions, he could email them to [SWIF@rd1000.org](mailto:SWIF@rd1000.org) GM King will be sure to incorporate all questions into our community meeting on April 27.

There were no other public comments made.

#### **4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

##### **4.1. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: Update on activities since the March 2022 Board Meeting.**

###### General Manager Evaluation

General Manager King announced, as directed by the Board, that he met with Trustee Thom Gilbert and Trustee Elena Lee Reeder regarding the general manager's evaluation. GM King advised more time is necessary to address some of the requested items. He intends to provide a memorandum response to the full Board when ready. GM King will also provide an updated work plan.

###### State of Natomas

GM King reminded the Board that the State of Natomas event is upcoming on 4/27 reservations are required.

ASM Gutierrez requested a reply by roll call to attend the State of Natomas event.

Will attend: Trustee Thom Gilbert, Trustee Elena Lee Reeder, Trustee Chris Burns

Tentative: Trustee Nick Avdis

Will not attend: Trustee Tom Barandas, Trustee Jag Bains, Trustee Debra G. Jones

###### Rosin Court

Trustee Chris Burns requested an update. GM King has not heard back from the City and has had no follow-up since their February response to the proposed lease agreement.

###### Pumping Plant 8

Trustee Chris Burns asked about the preliminary plant design and if there was a way to ask the state for funds. General Manager King has contacted Senator Pan's office and Asm. McCarty's office and put in a request for budget surplus funds. Trustee Chris Burns requested a copy of any documents requesting funding so that he could put the need for funding in front of specific legislators. GM King will follow up with Trustee Burns and provide information.

##### **4.2. OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT: Update on activities since the March 2022 Board Meeting.**

General Manager King provided a verbal update highlighting clean-up and safety improvements in the field's auto shop. The operations manager explained the photos depicted onscreen. He mentioned that a vendor is preparing a quote on a card-lock system for the District's fuel pumps to track fuel use electronically. Operation Manager Holleman also is working with a vendor on pricing to add GPS to all district vehicles for tracking, theft prevention, and identification of work patterns. This item and others will be considered during the Operations Committee meeting on April 14 and budgeted for FY 22/23.

##### **4.3. DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REPORT: Update on activities since the March 2022 Board Meeting.**

Counsel Rebecca Smith provided a verbal update on significant work activities during March 2022.

## **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*The Board considers all Consent Calendar items to be routine and will adopt them in one motion. There will be 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 Nick Avdis/Trustee Thom Gilbert

Ayes: Trustee Gilbert, Trustee Lee Reeder, Trustee Avdis, Trustee Barandas, Trustee Bains, Trustee Burns, Trustee Jones

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Action: Motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 5.1 – 5.5 is approved.

- 5.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting and March 30, 2022, Special Board Meeting.
- 5.2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Approve Treasurer's Report for March 2022.
- 5.3. EXPENDITURE REPORT: Review and Accept Report for March 2022.
- 5.4. BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT: Review and Accept Report for March 2022.
- 5.5. ASSEMBLY BILL 361: Review and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-04-01 - Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the Covid-19 State of Emergency, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of Reclamation District No. 1000 Pursuant to The Ralph M. Brown Act.

## **6. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

- 6.1. RETIREE HEALTHCARE PLAN: Review and Consider Modification to Funding Strategy for Retiree Healthcare Plan – June 30, 2021, Actuarial Valuation, and Plan Funding for 2021/22, 2022/23, and 2023/24.

General Manager King stated every year; we have an actuarial report that determines our current requirement and our annual required contribution for the District's OPEB unfunded liability portion. This item was discussed in the Finance Committee on March 16 and received consensus to move the item forward. GM King explained that staff would like to change our investment Funding Strategy from CERBT Strategy 2 to CERBT Strategy 1 and a 10-year level payment option to normalize our costs to pay off the unfunded liability portion of the annual required contribution.

There are two components to our retiree healthcare plan. 1) We have the "pay as you go costs" every year, depending on healthcare costs annually and how many retirees are active in the plan. It also depends on the market. 2) The unfunded liability portion is the investment strategy portion. Currently, we're on a 30-year amortization schedule with the CERBT 2 strategy, which offers a lower rate of return. Our interest payments with our current unfunded liability would be more than 650k in interest throughout that payment period. By moving to CERBT Strategy 1, with the expected rate of return as of June 30, 2021, on a 10-year flat level payment, we would theoretically pay it off in 10 years, depending on how the market performs. With a level dollar payment during this period, the total interest savings would be close to 350k

to 400k depending on the market. In the third quarter of 2021, CERBT Investment Strategy 1 realized a rate of return of 19%. Staff believes it is wise for the District to invest funding into CERBT Strategy 1 to pay off the unfunded liability sooner without incurring additional interest. Strategy 1 also has the potential to exceed returns from the District's other investments.

There were no Trustee questions or public comments made.

Moved/Second: Trustee Tom Barandas/Trustee Elena Lee Reeder

Ayes: Trustee Thom Gilbert, Trustee Elena Lee Reeder, Trustee Jag Bains, Trustee Tom Barandas, Trustee Chris Burns, Trustee Debra G. Jones

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Action: Motion to change the District's CERBT funding Strategy for Retiree Healthcare Plan to CERBT 1 and move to a 10-year level payment option for our Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Annual Required Contribution (ARC) is approved.

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

### **7.1. BOARD ACTIVITY UPDATES:**

There were no Trustee comments or questions.

#### **7.1.1. RD 1000 Committee Meetings Since Last Regular Board Meeting**

- Urbanization Committee (Lee Reeder, Burns & Jones) March 15, 2022
- Finance Committee (Gilbert & Burns) March 16, 2022
- Finance Committee (Gilbert & Burns) March 25, 2022
- Executive Committee (Gilbert & Lee-Reeder) March 30, 2022
- Personnel Committee (Jones, Bains & Barandas) April 7, 2022

#### **7.1.2. RD 1000 Committees No Meetings Since Last Regular Board Meeting**

- Legal Committee (Avis, Barandas & Gilbert)
- Operations Committee (Bains, Barandas & Burns)

## **8. CLOSED SESSION**

8.1. No Closed Sessions Items Scheduled.

## **9. ADJOURN**

Moved/Second: Trustee Chris Burns/Trustee Tom Barandas

Ayes: Trustee Thom Gilbert, Trustee Elena Lee Reeder, Trustee Jag Bains, Trustee Tom Barandas, Trustee Chris Burns, Trustee Debra G. Jones

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Action: Motion to adjourn the April 8, 2022 Board meeting is approved.