



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

**May 12, 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; Vice President Thomas M. Gilbert; Trustee Nick Avdis; Trustee Jag Bains, Trustee Thomas Barandas, Trustee Edwin Perez; Trustee Thomas W. Smith; General Co-Counsel Scott Shapiro; 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, Bains, Barandas, Perez, Smith

Absent: None

1.3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED/SECOND: Trustee Avdis/Trustee Bains

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: The motion to approve the May 12, 2023 Board Meeting agenda is approved.

1.4. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Smith 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*)

There were no conflicts of interest identified by the Trustees.

2. PRESENTATIONS

There were no Scheduled Presentations

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Any person desiring to speak on a matter which 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.

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

The past month has seen ample time dedicated to closing out the current fiscal year's budget and preparing the new budget. The draft budget has been presented to the Finance Committee.

Trustee Smith referred to the update in the GM Report regarding construction updates in the reaches. He asked about when construction would be over. GM King responded that although the timeframe for completion is ever-changing, the current outlook may lie between 2026 and 2027. Legislation revision may be necessary at the SAFCA or City/County level to allow an extension for the project timelines.

Trustee Avdis stated that although the public cares about project completion, they likely care more about when FEMA remapping will be completed, which will be some time after construction. He asked Counsel Shapiro if there was an effort to move the SB 5 deadline.

Counsel Shapiro stated that SB 5, a statute passed back in 2006 or 2007, imposes a requirement for urban areas in the Central Valley to achieve or be in progress to achieve 200-year flood protection. The deadline is 2025. However, this deadline has been extended twice, once for the Stockton area (for Lathrop), and Manteca has been pushed back to 2028. The deadline for West Sacramento last year under SB 901 was pushed back to 2030. A current bill in the Legislature would extend the deadline for these two communities further. SAFCA elected not to participate in the bill, as it was unconvinced that an extension would be needed to cover the Natomas area. If SACFA determines that it is necessary to move the deadline, it should be able to do so through legislation. The bill SB 586 (Eggman) is likely to pass the Senate floor soon. It would change it from a hard date deadline to an as long as you make adequate progress with the Corps (Manteca and Stockton only), the deadline floats out accordingly.

Trustee Smith asked if the current deadline was 2027. Counsel Shapiro replied that there had not been an extension for Natomas, so the deadline is 2025.

Trustee Smith asked when mandatory flood insurance would be concluded. GM King responded that once a letter of map revision is submitted to FEMA, and Natomas is certified for 200-year flood protection, the hope is that mandatory flood insurance will no longer be required for the basin.

Trustee Perez inquired about a resident's letter to GM King before the April Board Meeting. GM King stated that the district followed up after the meeting. Beginning on Monday, May 15, a cleanup is scheduled in that area.

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

Efforts have been spent on mowing, road repairs, and cleanup activities. NEMDC cleanup activities lasted about five days, with the assistance of Forensic Clean. Additional cleanup areas have been posted. The current focus is mowing due to high vegetation.

Operations Manager Holleman explained the Unauthorized Encampment Activity Expense.

Trustee Smith asked about the quantities shown under Pumping Plant 3's Pump 2. The quantity shown was greater than the total rainfall. Operations Manager Holleman explained that this was due to residual water from fields. Trustee Smith requested that a note be placed in the next report with such an indication. Trustee Smith is trying to understand how much water is pumped versus how much rain falls in the district.

GM King added that the pumping values obtained are calculated rather than measured. They are illustrative calculations because they are calculated using pumping hours, which creates room for errors, as mechanical flaws are not accounted for.

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

Co-Counsel Shapiro provided a verbal update of Counsel's work in April 2023.

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 Barandas/Trustee Gilbert

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: The motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 5.1-5.4 is approved.

5.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes from the April 14, 2023 Board Meeting.

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

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

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

6. SCHEDULED ITEMS

6.1. FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 DRAFT BUDGET: Review and Discuss Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

General Manager King presented the Draft Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget then received questions/comments from Trustees:

Trustee Lee Reeder inquired about the nature of the Security Patrol Reimbursement. GM King explained that it is the cost-share agreement between Natomas Mutual and The Natomas Basin

Conservancy (TNBC). GM King also stated that he has a meeting scheduled next week with both organizations to discuss the long-standing agreement.

Trustee Smith asked why the Metro Air Park reimbursement is a separate line item. GM King explained that the reimbursement results from an agreement with Sacramento County to pump water at Metro Air Park.

Trustee Perez asked if GM King knew of any LMA items in the Governor's May Revise. GM King was unaware of any.

Trustee Avdis acknowledged the effective use of tax dollars and offered to anyone listening that we are good stewards and competently operating this organization.

Trustee Avdis asked GM King to summarize the district's use of livestock for weed removal and any cost-saving benefits it may have. GM King explained that it is an effective but costly method. For this reason, it has not been included in the budget. Trustee Avdis then asked if baling vegetation into hay is an option, to which GM King stated that this process is already in effect.

Trustee Avdis suggested that specific numbers for the cleanup of homeless encampments be added to the summary of labor costs. GM King said such a report could be generated using the total cost of these activities over the past two years and a Replicon report of employee hours. Trustee Avdis stated that a similar report or mention of refuse totals would be helpful.

Trustee Lee Reeder agreed and requested that a connection between hours spent on cleanups and security be summarized in the Operations Manager Report annually.

Trustee Lee Reeder asked if the herbicide budget needed to be increased, which GM King denied.

GM King made known that the Budget is based on Committee recommendations, any modifications will be made over the next month and brought before the Board for adoption on June 16.

7. BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS/REPORTS

7.1. BOARD ACTIVITY UPDATES:

7.1.1. RD 1000 Committee Meetings Since Last Board Meeting

- Finance Committee (Gilbert, Bains, Perez) April 21, 2023
- Executive Committee (Lee Reeder & Gilbert) May 3, 2023

7.1.2. RD 1000 Committees No Meetings Since Last Board Meeting

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

8. CLOSED SESSION

8.1. PERSONNEL EVALUATION: Pursuant to Government Code § 54957, hold annual personnel evaluation of the General Manager. The Board will appraise and comment upon the performance of the General Manager.

9. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

- 9.1. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: Discuss and take action on any changes in duties, compensation, or benefits for the General Manager.

Coming out of the closed session, the Board performed an annual evaluation of its general manager and gave counsel priorities to share with the general manager. The general manager talked with the Board to better understand it. State law requires a report on executive compensation for all general managers. The Board, consistent with the existing general manager's contract, will provide GM King the same COLA that all other employees receive for the next Fiscal Year. In recognition of the nights and weekends GM King worked on the Prop 218 Project, the Board also decided to award GM King a one-time, extra week of vacation (40 hours), to be accrued instantly at the beginning of FY 23-24.

The Board recognized there may be better ways to perform the general manager evaluation and has tasked the Personnel Committee with meeting and talking about options. Counsel Shapiro noted the Board is interested in supporting executive coaching for the District's Executive Staff and to include the expense in final Budget presented to the Board in June.

10. ADJOURN

Trustee Lee Reeder asked for all in favor of adjournment of the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting is adjourned.