

**RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1000  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ACTION SUMMARY  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, April 7, 2011  
1633 Garden Highway  
Sacramento, CA 95833**

Trustees Present: Barandas, Christophel, Gilbert, Harris, Miller, Shiels and Smith  
Trustees Absent: None

Staff Attendance: General Manager Devereux, Secretary Figueroa, Superintendent Blickle and Attorney James Day

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**1A) Regular Meeting March 11, 2011**

Motion by Trustee Harris to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held March 11, 2011 as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barandas, duly put and carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**2A) TREASURER'S REPORT – March 2011**

The Treasurer's Report for March 2011 is as follows:

County Treasurer- (O/M)	\$ 2,607,517.13
County Treasurer (OPEB)	\$ 919,460.00
O/M Fund – Checking	\$ 77,525.42
Designated Capital	\$ 796,621.15
LAIF (State Treas.)	\$ 700,892.03

Motion by Trustee Shiels to approve the Treasurer's reports for March 2011 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Harris, duly put and carried.

**2B) EXPENDITURE REPORTS– March 2011**

The expenditures for the month of March 2011 were \$195,756.53. The expenditures from various funds are as follows:

Operation and Maintenance: \$195,756.53

Warrants 7345 & 7346 were issued in the amount of \$200,000.00

**3) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. SAFCA Representatives**

Trustee Shiels informed the Board that his recent trip to Washington D.C. lobbying on behalf of SAFCA consisted of 17 meetings in three days. Sacramento's flood control plight is recognized by the Bureau of Reclamation, the Corps Headquarters, and Office of Management and Budget. Senators Boxer and Imhof are working on a Water Resources

Development Act and our Natomas project already has a Chief's Report and would be the cornerstone project for WRDA. However it does not appear a bill will be moved this year because of issues in the House which means the only hope for authorization would be through another bill, but may be considered an "earmark" which is a problem. He also noted the feeling from the Corps of Engineers headquarters is that their vegetation policy will stand as proposed with only a short term respite to comply with their standards. He noted the schedule for the joint Federal project at Folsom has slipped because of contracting issues by the Corps of Engineers though the State, SAFCA, Corps and Bureau of Reclamation are looking at options to put the project back on schedule. The SAFCA Board and staff are continuing to look at issues on the South Sacramento Streams Group project as well as the Pocket Area levees which could potentially be de-certified in the near future.

Trustee Shiels stated that in general the interaction between the various agencies in Washington was positive and once things start moving in Congress the NLIP is in a good position to get what is needed to complete the project. Trustee Shiels stated he was very impressed with SAFCA's new Executive Director Rick Johnson. He is very well known and respected in Washington.

**B. Executive Committee**

President Christophel informed the Board the Executive Committee met to review the agenda and briefly discussed a variety of issues. General Manager Devereux noted one item discussed was having Trustee Smith join the Urbanization Committee. Trustee Smith indicated this would be acceptable to him and President Christophel appointed him noting this Committee now had four members comprising a majority of the Board and thus their meetings would be to be noticed as a meeting of the Executive Committee and a Special Board Meeting.

**C. Personnel Committee**

The Personnel Committee met the day before the Board meeting (Wednesday April 6). There were two items on the agenda. The first was the quarterly review of the General Manager. Trustee Harris stated he was impressed with what is on the GM's plate and the stages of development and completion achieved. The second item on the agenda was a recommendation from the GM for salary increases for staff. The increase is \$18,000 in the budget and the increases range from 3 to 3.5 percent except for two of the newer employees who are recommended to receive a 5% increase. This will be reviewed for fiscal impact by the Finance Committee. Trustee Shiels noted the General Manager refused a salary increase for the coming year though the Committee recommended he receive one.

**4A) Information – Commemorative Book Project Update**

General Manager Devereux reminded the Board of the District's with Donning Publishers for the District's 100 year anniversary book and at the recommendation of the Urbanization Committee selected Mr. Carson Hendrix as the author for the book. This last week Mr. Hendrix informed the District that he will not be able to complete the project due to personal family issues as well as getting a full time position with the State though he is willing to assist with some limited research. District staff and our Donning contact are actively searching for a new author and have some leads on potential authors. GM Devereux is hopeful to have a replacement author under contract quickly to maintain the schedule of publishing the book in late fall.

**4B) CSDA – Nominations for Seat C, Region 2**

The item was introduced and discussed by the Board. No action was taken.

**4C) ACWA – Nominations for ACWA – HBA Board of Directors**

The item was introduced and discussed by the Board. No action was taken.

**4 D) Agreements with Sacramento County – Reimbursement for Groundwater Pumping – Metro Airpark**

General Manager Devereux informed the Board in 2000 the District and Sacramento County entered into the Metro Airpark Public Facilities Financing Plan Joint Community Facilities Agreement. The agreement included reimbursement to the District for increased groundwater pumping costs resulting from excavation to construct a storm water detention basin. Since its construction several years ago and with the lack of development at Metro Airpark, the County and District have mutually acknowledged the actual costs for groundwater pumping are significantly less than anticipated in the agreement. GM Devereux has been working with the County to amend the agreement to more accurately reflect the impact to the District for additional ground water pumping. They have negotiated an agreement that GM Devereux believes is fair and equitable. The District will be reimbursed the same annual pumping costs incurred by the County to pump water from the detention basin in the District's canal. If the amendment is approved, the District will receive the funds that have been set aside since the basin was first operable and will be reimbursed annually as described above.

After discussion by the Board it was moved by Trustee Harris to authorize the District Engineer to execute the Amendment to the Metro Airpark Public Facilities Financing Plan Joint Community Facilities Agreement as outlined. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barandas, duly put and carried.

**4E) City of Sacramento Amendment to Lease – Fire Station #3**

General Manager Devereux informed the Board the City's lease for Fire Station #3 located on District property adjacent to the corporation yard on Elkhorn Blvd expired on March 12, 2011. They have opted to extend the lease for three years under the prior lease provisions which includes an increase in the quarterly rent based on the CPI. The new rental rate (based on the CPI) will be \$4362.71 per quarter beginning March 12, 2011.

It was moved by Trustee Barandas to approve the Amendment of the Lease for Fire Station #3 with the City of Sacramento as outlined. The motion was seconded by Trustee Miller, duly put and carried.

**5) GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**A. Regional Flood Control Issues**

General Manager Devereux stated that there are no additional items to report at this time as most of the action and attention is centered on SAFCA and the NLIP.

**B. Flood Season Update**

General Manager Devereux informed the Board the long range trend is equal chance for wetter or drier conditions. Currently Shasta is at 60% of capacity, Oroville is at 82% of capacity and Folsom is at 70% and there is a robust snow pack in the mountains. All agencies will be watching the snow melt closely. The next four to six weeks are critical and there could be large releases from the dams if there is a warm storm with precipitation that melts the snow pack rapidly. The river will remain higher than normal stage for the next several weeks to months. Seepage in Natomas has dropped off but the Superintendent has informed him that the seepage is still running high in some fields adjacent to the levee which may pose problems for the farmers getting their crops planted this spring.

**C. Status – SAFCA's Natomas Levee Improvement Project (NLIP)**

General Manager Devereux stated there is not a lot going on for the project at this time. Utility relocations are the focus at this time to get ready for the next phase of the project which includes levee improvements along the Sacramento River to Powerline Road.

**D. Permits Endorsed**

General Manager Devereux informed the Board that he endorsed one permit for 3201 Garden Highway. The property owner will be raising the property 1 foot but not changing the footprint of the property. The endorsement with conditions has been sent to the California Central Valley Flood Control Board.

**E. Update – Plant 1B Improvements – North Natomas Assessment District**

General Manager Devereux informed the Board the City has funds in the North Natomas Assessment District for a generator at Plant 1B. They recognize that this was part of the original plan and that it was left out for lack of funding at the time. GM Devereux has met with Superintendent Blicke, Foreman Don Caldwell, and Mead and Hunt and it looks like the generator can be installed in the electrical building by moving out the back wall a little. The cost is between \$1.5 and \$2 million for the generator and the City will reimburse the District for the cost.

**F. Plant 8 Copper Thefts**

General Manager Devereux informed the Board Plant 8 has been hit twice by copper thieves in one week. The first time they stole about 1000 feet of copper but a total of 5000 feet had to be replaced because of splicing requirements. The theft happened prior to a storm forecast. The plant was repaired and back online in less than a week. Immediately following the initial repairs, and while our crews were on patrol the plant was vandalized again with wire to two pumps being cut, though they were not able to remove the wires. Due to the storms the Plant has been in constant use and the District has not yet been able to verify how much copper wire will have to be replaced. Police reports were filed on both incidents and the theft was turned over to the insurance company. Since these incidents the District has taken security measures at this plant as well as several other critical locations. Trustee Smith stated perhaps the District should look at the overall security of all the facilities and consider having a consultant provide some recommendations. General Manager Devereux stated he is meeting with NBC and the NMWC and Stacy Brookman our security personnel to discuss what other measure the District can reasonably take.

**G. AmGen Bike Tour**

General Manager Devereux informed the Board the Amgen Bike Tour of California will be going through the District and has requested that the gates on East Levee be open for the race. They will provide an insurance rider indemnifying the District.

**6.) District Counsel Report**

Attorney Day stated March was a more active month primarily because of work related to the emergency bank protection project. His firm spent 23.6 hours on the paperwork for the emergency levee repair at RM 68.4, 0.9 hours reviewing the Wickland Consent to encumber easement adopted at last month's meeting, 0.5 hours reviewing the resolution drafted by staff in support of the SAFCA 218 election and 0.5 hours to amend the Fire Station lease.

**7.) Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Blicke stated staff spent significant time dealing with the copper theft at Plant 8. The majority of staff time was then spent on levee patrols and pumping plant operations as well as removing trees and limbs that had fallen during the recent storms. In addition, gates were repaired, spring spraying was done and garbage removal is ongoing.

Trustee Shiels asked if the new levees performed as expected. Superintendent Blicke stated that they did. There was the normal seepage near the P6 canal and the usual places but it went away quickly when the river levels went down. Kleinfelder has monitoring stations along the

project that they check during high water and the differential head is substantially lower since the cutoff wall was installed.

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

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President

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Secretary