

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1000
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
ACTION SUMMARY
August 17, 2016
1633 Garden Hwy
Sacramento, CA 95834

Trustees Present: Avdis, Barandas, Christophel,
Trustees Absent: Gilbert, Jones, Smith
Participation via telephone: Harris

Staff in Attendance: General Manager Devereux, Secretary Figueroa, Attorney James Day,
SAFCA lobbyist Mike Strachn, SAFCA Director Rick Johnson

President Christophel Presided at the meeting.

1. SAFCA Lobbyist Briefing – Mike Strachn

President Christophel called the meeting to order and requested Mike Strachn to provide a briefing of Washington DC activities related to flood control. Mr. Strachn thanked the District for the opportunity to meet and brief us on activities. He reported that he and Rick Johnson have met with many of the elected officials and the SAFCA directors and other interested parties during Mr. Strachn's visit. He reported on the status of the 2016 WRDA and the 2017 appropriations. The Senate had been hopeful the WRDA would pass in July but that did not happen. The House will not seek to bring the 2016 WRDA to the floor until after the election in November. The SAFCA's projects are included in both the House and Senate WRDA but that will likely not be voted on until November. The other issue of concern is SAFCA credit for work completed. The Corps of Engineers current interpretation says that they will not allow credits from one project to be used for another project. SAFCA desires to use credits from the Natomas project for the Folsom Dam Raise project. The language to change it so that credits for one project can be used for another is in the Senate WRDA bill but not the House bill.

The Federal 2017 appropriations will probably not be passed before October 1 and a Continuing Resolution (CR) will likely be adopted which could be extended after the election. Mr. Johnson stated that since 2003 project funding under the CRs have been based on the prior year's funding. Funding for Natomas in 2016 was only \$11 million, and the Corps of Engineers is looking for \$30 million to start construction on the Natomas Levee Project and continue with their engineering and design. The Corps of Engineers is looking at doing a smaller portion of the project or transfer funds from other sources under a CR.

Mr. Strachn stated there are a lot of uncertainties at this time, but the WRDA and 2017 appropriations should not be affected by the outcome of the election, if they are passed in this (2016) calendar year. Other challenges facing the project are the retirement of Senator Boxer who has been an advocate for

Sacramento flood control, as well as Assistant Secretary of the Army JoEllen Darcy and Steve Stockton, the senior civilian with the COE also advocates for our flood needs. It will take some time to bring their replacements up to speed on our projects.

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

President

Secretary