

No. 2019-12-01

In Recognition of Thomas A. Barandas' Service as a Member of the Reclamation District No. 1000 Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, Thomas A. Barandas (Tom) served as a member of the Reclamation District No. 1000 Board of Trustees from his appointment in December 2003 until December 2019 including District representation on the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency and Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tom was born and raised in the District working the family farm along with his father Manual (who also served as a long time District Trustee) helping create a Barandas legacy in the rich history of Natomas and RD 1000; and,

WHEREAS, with his roots as a farmer and experience in water management (including Natomas Central Mutual Water Company and Reclamation District No. 108); Tom ensured the interests of the agricultural community were represented on the Board who looked to his knowledge of agricultural practices as well as the historical perspective he often and eloquently described at Board meetings as they related to the flood control issues which came before the Board; and,

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Trustee, the District completed a series of projects including the Pumping Plant 1B Emergency Generator; the 2006 emergency flood fight at Pumping Plant 2, subsequent repairs and plant reconstruction; initiation of the Natomas Levee Improvement Project by SAFCA and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to provide 200-year flood protection to Natomas; and the continued evolution of the District from its agricultural roots to an urban flood control district protecting over 100,000 residents including adoption of the District's first Capital Improvement Plan, Strategic Plan and Security Risk Assessment

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED ON THIS DAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019, On behalf of the District's residents, businesses, farmers and property owners, the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 1000 hereby gratefully acknowledge the service, leadership and contributions Thomas A. Barandas made to the District as a member of the Board improving flood safety for the Natomas community; and furthermore wishes him well as he spends much deserved time with his family and friends while continuing the Barandas legacy in Natomas.



No. 2019-12-02

In Recognition of Frederick E. Harris' Service as a Member of the Reclamation District No. 1000 Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, Frederick E. Harris (Fred) served as a member of the Reclamation District No. 1000 Board of Trustees from his appointment in May 1998 until December 2019 making him one of the longest serving Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Fred also served as the Board President from 2000 until 2006 providing his leadership and management skills to the District and particularly at Board meetings; and

WHEREAS, while serving as District Trustee, Fred's career also included serving in the California State Legislature, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and finally as Vice President in the Gavilan Community College District from which he retired in 2019; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Board, Fred often served as the "conscience" of the Board asking the difficult questions of Staff and the Board as flood control policy was debated insuring issues were fully vetted and questions answered before the Board took actions, all the while bringing his smile and subtle humor to Board meetings; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Trustee, the District completed a series of projects including the North Area Local Project; Pumping Plant 1B and Emergency Generator; the 2006 emergency flood fight at Pumping Plant 2, subsequent repairs and plant reconstruction; initiation of the Natomas Levee Improvement Project by Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to provide 200-year flood protection to Natomas; and the continued evolution of the District from its agricultural roots to an urban flood control district protecting over 100,000 residents including adoption of the District's first Capital Improvement Plan, Strategic Plan and Security Risk Assessment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED ON THIS DAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019, On behalf of the District's residents, businesses, farmers and property owners, the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 1000 hereby gratefully acknowledge the service, leadership and contributions Frederick E. Harris made to the District as a member of the Board improving flood safety for the Natomas community; and furthermore wishes him well in his retirement as he spends much deserved time with his family and friends.



RD1000 Resolution

In Recognition of James M. Day's Service as District Counsel to Reclamation District No. 1000

WHEREAS, James M. Day (Jim) served as the District Counsel for Reclamation District No. 1000 from December 1977 until December 2019, spanning 42 years, making him the longest serving Counsel in the District's history succeeding Stephen Downey; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Reclamation District law, Jim is a recognized national expert in the field of oil, gas and mining law; and

WHEREAS, the Board and staff relied on Jim's wisdom, professionalism, and guidance as he took complex technical, legal and policy issues and calmly presented them both orally as well as in writing in easily understandable terms drafting hundreds of agreements, policies, legal opinions, and right of way documents during his career; and furthermore appreciated his ability to think "outside the box" and find creative solutions to seemingly unresolvable conflicts or problems; and

WHEREAS, Jim's career will best be known for his assistance in arduous negotiations with developers and land use agencies, drafting agreements to protect the District's interests and its ability to effectively and efficiently carry out its flood control and drainage mission as the Natomas basin experienced rapid growth, transitioning RD 1000 from its agricultural roots to an urban flood control district; and

WHEREAS, the District will miss Jim's institutional knowledge and professionalism as he will forever be associated with Natomas and be an integral part of the RD 1000 history.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED ON THIS DAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019, On behalf of the District's residents, businesses, farmers and property owners, the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 1000 hereby gratefully acknowledges the professional legal services James M. Day provided to the District improving flood safety for the Natomas community; and furthermore wishes him happiness as he spends more time with his other passions; family, boating and his love of the sea.

Jeff Smith, Board President Reclamation District No. 1000