

**RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1000  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ACTION SUMMARY  
SACRAMENTO, CA  
January 11, 2019  
8:00 A.M.  
1633 Garden Highway  
Sacramento, CA 95833**

Trustees Present: Jeff Smith, Tom Barandas, Fred Harris, David Christophel, Chris Burns, Nick Avdis

Trustees Absent: Thom Gilbert

President Smith presided at the meeting.

Public Comments: There were no public comments

**1. Board Business**

A. Election of Board Officers

Board President Jeff Smith led the Board Officers Election. President Smith was nominated by Trustee Christophel to serve another year as Board President and seconded by Trustee Barandas. A motion was made to re-elect Jeff Smith as Board President, seconded by Trustee Barandas, by unanimous vote, motion carries.

Next, a motion was made to re-elect Vice President Tom Barandas as Board Vice President. A motion was made by Trustee Harris to elect Tom Barandas as Vice President, by unanimous vote, motion carries.

B. Committee Assignments – Meeting Schedules

Committee assignments remain the same, and current members will continue to serve, except for the HCP Ad-Hoc Committee. By request, Trustee Chris Burns will be added as a fourth Committee member. When the HCP Committee meets, it will do so under a Special Board Meeting if four Committee members are present.

As for SAFCA Board representatives, David Christophel requested to step away as an alternate due to a potential conflict of interest with the impact of the proposed levee improvements on his personal residence. President Smith nominated Chris Burns to serve as a SACFA Board alternate, seconded by Trustee Avdis and carried by a unanimous vote. Trustees Nick Avdis, and Tom Barandas will continue to serve as members on the SAFCA Board with Trustees Jeff Smith and Chris Burns as alternates.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees**

Without edits, Trustee Avdis motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Harris, and carried by a unanimous vote.

### **3. Administrative Items**

#### A. Treasurer's Report for December 2018

Checking:	\$ 172,622.15
Money Market:	\$ 193,440.25
County Treasurer:	\$ 1,096,074.99
LAIF:	\$ 3,276,065.31
City Pool A:	\$ 2,059,781.64

The board packet included Treasurer's Reports. ASM Gutierrez provided an overview of expenditures during December and the Budget to Actual Report. A motion was made by Trustee Harris to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Christophel and carried by a unanimous vote.

### **4. Committee Reports**

#### A. SACFA

Trustee Barandas provided a SAFCA update. The SAFCA Board met on January 3. The federal government shutdown was the main topic. The shutdown is not affecting any of the agencies specific to the work that SAFCA does, with the exception of the National Marine Fisheries and US Fish and Wildlife. If the shutdown is prolonged, it could potentially affect permitting for SAFCA's projects.

Natomas, Reach H (Natomas East Main Drain Canal), the request for bid went out, and there was only one bidder at \$41.7 million which is more than 25% above the Corps engineers' estimate of \$21.7 million. Therefore, they cannot award the contract. The Corps will review /compare their estimate for accuracy to account for the discrepancy. The Corps may adjust their estimate where necessary. The project managers intend to award the contract in February.

Because only one contractor placed a bid and given the amount of work available in the private sector and other areas, contractors are not bidding on Corps projects. SAFCA and the Corps are looking at a way to try and get more contractors to bid.

At the Feb SAFCA Board meeting, there will be real estate issues coming to the Board having to do with Reach B in Natomas and the Pocket area in South Sacramento.

Trustee Avdis asked about the President potentially taking supplemental funds from the Corps for the proposed border wall construction. GM Devereux states the Natomas Levee Project funds are outside of the supplemental appropriations. He also noted there is likely to be litigation should the President declare an emergency and transfer the flood control appropriations.

#### B. Personnel Committee Meeting

Trustee Fred Harris provided a verbal report. The Personnel Committee meeting met on December 20. In attendance at the meeting, Fred Harris, Chris Burns, David Christophel. The Committee met on December 20 to discuss and finalize the terms of the new GM's Employment Agreement.

#### C. Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee met on January 2. In attendance at the meeting were Trustees Jeff Smith, Tom Barandas, Fred Harris and GM Devereux. GM Devereux provided an update on the negotiations with

Kevin King the District's newly selected candidate for General Manager. The Committee reviewed the draft agenda for the January 11 meeting; discussed Grant Funding opportunities; touched upon Karen Pardieck's recent retirement. Meeting minutes were included in the Board packet.

## **5. Board Business**

### **A. Approval of Employment Agreement for District Manager Position**

GM Devereux reported that he has worked with Counsel Julia Jenness and Bob Murray to finalize the new GM's Employment Agreement. A copy of the Agreement was included in the Board packet. Trustee Burns made a motion to accept the Employment Agreement with the new General Manager Kevin King, seconded by Trustee Barandas and carried by a unanimous vote.

### **B. State DWR Grant for Flood Maintenance Assistance Program**

GM Devereux shared information of a letter received from the California Department of Water Resources, establishing eligibility for the District to participate in the Flood Maintenance Assistance Program (FMAP) that provides funding for eligible maintenance activities. There are three separate funding categories with varying reimbursement available from each category. GM Devereux will look into this further to understand criteria before committing too much time to the grant application. Trustees expressed some hesitation about the District's eligibility and are concerned that grant reimbursements may lead to new efforts or ongoing requirements that would require ongoing budget funding.

### **C. Status of Sacramento River Bank Erosion site in the vicinity of 7907 Garden Highway**

GM Devereux made known that 7907 Garden Highway, the property with the active waterside erosion, is for sale. Potential buyers have been contacting him about the status of erosion repairs. He has directed interested parties to hire an engineer that does bank erosion work for further evaluation. He also explained that the permitting process would be rigorous and extensive. He also shared with interested parties that they should contact the Central Valley Flood Protection Board to determine if responsibility for repairs required by the State would transfer to the new owner.

## **6. General Manager's Report**

### **A. Regional Flood Control Issues**

Trustee Barandas covered most regional flood control issues in his report. GM Devereux shared information from SAFCA's Government Relations meeting. They discussed the Governor had not appointed a Resource Secretary. The Governor's proposed 2019-20 Budget came out. Currently, there is nothing specific in the Budget for flood control. GM Devereux looks forward to reviewing the May Budget Revision to see if there will be more funding for flood control.

Also discussed at the government relations meeting was the government shutdown and the impact from it. SAFCA acknowledged the Bryte Landfill relocation, widening of the Yolo Bypass and Weir is being held up because of the biological opinions from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

### **B. Flood Season Update**

GM presented his posted weather graphs which show that over the next three months, January through March there is an equal chance of wet or dry weather. However, over the next 6-10 days, the National

Weather Service is forecasting a wet pattern. Right now, Shasta, Oroville, and Folsom reservoirs are all well below their required flood conservation levels and have substantial storage available before needing to make any releases.

#### C. Update Corps Design Progress Natomas Levee Project

In Reach H, the word from the Corps management team is that they want to award a contract by January 16. They still need to work out the government estimate vs. the received bid. Reach I; contract work has started. The Corps has put in a new bike trail under I-5. GM Devereux still has not received the final negotiation from Corps, City, Caltrans, regarding closures along Garden Highway for the work under Interstate 5. GM Devereux will let the Board know when he has more information on this. He advises Councilman Harris has been very involved with negotiations and Corps and outreach plan. GM Devereux estimates traffic impacts will begin to occur in March 2019. In April, the cutoff wall work will begin, and there will be noticeable traffic impacts. Reach D, along the Natomas Cross Canal, is shut down because of the weather. Reaches A and B along the Sacramento River, SAFCA has initiated real estate and eminent domain actions to secure necessary rights for the Corps project. SAFCA is taking the lead on Reach A right of way issues.

#### D. Update on SCADA Project

Scott Brown reported that due to wiring issues at Pump Plant 8, a Tesco field service technician had been assigned to see the District's project through completion. District Superintendent Don Caldwell reported at Plant 8, all pumps and trash racks were down for 1 week. Trustee Harris asked if there was a backup plan. A backup plan was not feasible because the wire connections had to be dismantled for troubleshooting. The wiring issue is resolved, and Plant 8 is fully operational. Plant 3 work is completed. Plant 1 B will be completed on January 8 with field testing to follow by ATEEM. After testing, only Plant 2 work remains.

Scott Brown said that the SCADA license for radio frequency had been submitted to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). At this time, the District's planned use for SCADA is strictly for monitoring and not to run pumps until the field crew becomes familiar with the system. Trustees were interested in knowing about SCADA security. Scott explained that a security assessment, protocol, and radio use would be established.

#### E. Cleanup of Homeless Camps Natomas East Main Drain Canal

GM Devereux had previously shared that the District coordinated with the City, County, and American River Flood Control District to remove 60 tons of trash and debris from the East Main Drain Canal last November. He estimates that the District cost for staff time, equipment and dump fees are close to 20K for four days work. Cumulatively the District and partners spent over \$100,000 for a 1-week concentrated cleanup. Even with this work, there still is a lot of trash and debris, and it continues to increase daily. The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) has invited cleanup agencies to their next Board meeting to thank them personally for the effort. GM Devereux expects RWQCB to continue targeting the District and its partners for a continued commitment of cleanup. Trustee Avdis believes trespass needs to be enforced by the appropriate authority. Discussion about solutions to the cleanup of homeless camps will continue. Trustee Barandas inquired about water increases warnings.

#### F. Placer County Development Projects

Placer County Sunset Specific Plan cross-canal watershed. We are initiating discussions with our partners at SAFCA and Sutter County along with the upstream land use agencies to identify impacts of new upstream development on the Natomas Cross Canal watershed below including the 200-year even, smaller frequency events and volume impacts.

#### G. Encroachment Permits Endorsed

GM Devereux endorsed one permit for a homeowner in the 6000 block. The owner was unaware of the Encroachment Permit requirement and had begun interior renovations and a concrete pour for a patio and barbeque.

#### **7. Public Outreach Update**

Now that Public Outreach Consultant Karen Pardieck has retired the Board will need to assess its ongoing needs for Public Outreach and whether some of the work will be done in-house. The Board will revisit this topic once the new GM is on-board and after it has a thorough discussion about its overall objectives.

#### **8. District Counsel's Report**

Counsel Jim Day provided a verbal update of his work during December 2018.

#### **9. Superintendent's Report**

A copy of the Superintendent's report was included in the January Board packet.

#### **10. Correspondence/News/Information**

GM Devereux included a public relations handout in the Board packet from the Corps of Engineers regarding the Natomas Levee Improvement Project.

#### **11. Adjournment**

With no other matters to discuss, the Board meeting adjourned.