

**RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1000  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ACTION SUMMARY  
SACRAMENTO, CA  
November 9, 2018  
8:00 A.M.  
1633 Garden Highway  
Sacramento, CA 95833**

Trustees Present: Smith, Barandas, Harris, Christophel, Burns, Avdis

President Smith presided at the meeting.

Public Comments: There were no public comments

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

Trustee Burns motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Christophel, and carried by a unanimous vote.

**2. Administrative Items**

A. Treasurer's Report for October 2018

Checking:	\$ 115,629.07
Money Market:	\$ 218,423.27
County Treasurer:	\$ 2,094,736.99
LAIF:	\$ 2,876,065.31
City Pool A:	\$ 2,059,781.64

All Treasurer's reports were included in the board packet. ASM Gutierrez announced that she received her requested warrant in the amount of \$1 million dollars from the District's O/M Fund held by the County Treasurer. A motion was made by Trustee Harris to approve the Treasurer's Report with minor edits, seconded by Trustee Avdis, all in favor, motion carries.

**3. Committee Reports**

A. SACFA

Trustee Barandas provided a SAFCA update. Natomas Project, Reach D along Natomas Cross Canal, contractor is in the process of digging the Vestal Drain and Plant 4 rebuild will begin next year. Reach I (Garden Highway/American River section), contractor is waiting for an encroachment permit for a street right of way from the City of Sacramento. Work in Reach I will soon begin and is expected to be completed by year end. The Corps traffic control plan is being determined and signs will be posted detailing lane closures and traffic impacts. Reach H (Natomas East Main Drain Canal levee portion), planning to award contract by year end.

At SAFCA's next Board meeting, discussion of ramp closures along Garden Highway will be held in closed session. There will also be two resolutions of necessity for right of way on parcels bordering the Garden Highway needed for the Corps levee improvements. The American River WRDA 2016 work, North Arcade Creek, Main Avenue Bridge will be completed in late November. Trustee Barandas shared that SAFCA is proposing to rent space at the Corp's office to address questions and situations as they arise in an effort to work more efficiently with their staff.

#### **B. Personnel Committee**

Trustee Fred Harris reported the Personnel Committee discussed several topics - retiree benefits for ASM, anti-nepotism policy, GM recruitment, discussed adopting a salary range to the Administrative Assistant position, and closed out the meeting with discussion of the GM Desk Procedure manual. A copy of the committee meeting minutes was included in the Board packet.

#### **C. Executive Committee Meeting**

Trustee Jeff Smith reported the Committee met to review the draft Board agenda. The Committee also discussed recent developments with the homeless camps and debris in the floodway; flood season preparation, and V drain pipe crossing replacement issue. Trustee Smith would like to resolve the drain issue by the next Board meeting. A copy of the committee meeting minutes was included in the Board packet.

#### **D. Legal Committee Meeting**

The Legal Committee met to discuss succession planning for the District's legal counsel. Counsel Jim Day will continue to serve the District through 2019. The Board will decide about future counsel representation as Mr. Day's retirement date gets closer. GM Devereux provided an update on some existing private improvements that are encroaching into the District's right of way and interfere with the Corp's proposed NEMDC levee improvements. GM Devereux provided the Committee with an update of the erosion site at 7907 Garden Highway. The meeting closed with discussion on the 2019 Board election processes. A copy of the committee meeting minutes was included in the Board packet.

#### **E. Urbanization Committee Meeting**

Trustee Chris Burns provided a Committee meeting update. The Urbanization Committee met on November 8. Topics of discussion were the homelessness issue, levee setback policy (200 vs. 500-year flood protection considerations), and how the District compensates landowners affected by levee setbacks. A Good Neighbor Policy was on the agenda, but the Committee did not have enough time to discuss this issue. The committee discussed how District complaints are received/processed/resolved; a quarterly report to the Board is being requested by the Committee to better understand what district issues are. Also discussed, Encroachment Permits and whether a policy or timeline should be developed for appropriate District response time. Trustee Burns reported the River Oaks Community Association community group met at the District office. At this meeting, GM Devereux addressed the group and mentioned the likelihood of Garden Highway traffic impacts. Trustee Burns would like to see more District outreach on this topic.

#### **4. Board Business**

##### **A. Presentation on Sacramento Weir and Yolo Bypass Project and other Regional Flood Control Issues by Gary Bardini SAFCA Director of Planning**

Gary Bardini provided an in-depth presentation of the various activities around the region with a common goal of achieving 500-year flood protection. He states the next five years will be unprecedented with the amount of work involved to complete several projects; the Corps will need local assistance to achieve completion. He stated major project elements are fully funded (Folsom Dam raise, and, American River Commons Features). Other improvements for additional protection include widening the Sacramento Bypass, Yolo Bypass, and expanding the Fremont Weir. He noted funding for the Natomas Project was not included in the recent federal supplemental appropriation that included the projects noted above. However, he assured the Board SAFCA expects federal funds will be available for Natomas given the supplemental appropriations removed most of the other projects competing for these same funds. Mr. Bardini spoke about the enormity of projects which will require a regional effort as well as state and federal. Together efforts will lead to significant flood protection improvements for the region.

##### **B. Greenbriar Development Project – Proposed Drainage Easements for District**

Mark Rodgers from Wood Rodgers provided information on the proposed additional drainage improvements and associated easements to be granted to the District as part of the Greenbriar development. He reported that the Phase 1 development is starting. As part of the process RD 1000 has three conveyance areas - Lone Tree Canal, a smaller ditch that conveys freeway flow from I-5. Lone Tree Canal will be widened with a 3 to 1 side slope on the east side and an access road deeded to RD1000. RD 1000 operates and maintains a drainage canal that runs parallel to I-5 and joins the Lone Tree Canal at the existing box culvert crossing under I-5. Here the drainage canal will be improved with a 3 to 1 side slope and will include a paved access road to be shared with SMUD as part of a City recreation trail. The District will share a portion of the easement with SMUD. SMUD will hold a 25 ft. easement for a new high voltage (69 KV) line to eventually serve Metro Air Park and the Airport; RD 1000 will be the senior easement holder. The easement area will eventually include a City of Sacramento recreation trail as noted above which will serve as the District and SMUD's access. The District operates and maintains a small drainage ditch that runs along Highway 99. In this area the existing swale will be better defined and there will be shared paved access, but there will not be a need for additional easements for RD 1000. The interior urban drainage system will be operated and maintained by the City of Sacramento. The urban drainage will be collected in a City operated detention basin and discharged into the District's canal system near the southern end of the project. Trustee Christophel inquired whether there are significant issues related to protected habitat species. GM Devereux replied that there are some issues embedded in the permits with HCP which limit how much and how often canals and ditches can be cleaned. Overall the permits were issued with future conservation in mind. The area along the Lone Tree Canal will include a buffer between it and the urban area to protect endangered species.

##### **C. Amend District Anti-Nepotism Policy**

GM Devereux reported the Personnel Committee initiated review of the District's Anti-Nepotism Policy. A copy of the proposed policy was included in the board packet. It was discussed that the revised policy is being recommended from a risk management standpoint mitigating potential employment issues and insuring fairness in employee relations is in the District's best interest. The revised policy does not

permit hiring relatives of current District employees After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Harris to approve the District's revised Anti-Nepotism Policy, seconded by Trustee Burns, and carried by unanimous vote. Trustee Avdis was not present for discussion and did not vote.

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

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

GM Devereux did not have anything new to report on flood control issues.

### **B. Update on Corps of Engineers Natomas Levee Project**

This item was already discussed.

### **C. Flood Season Outlook and Preparations**

Flood season is still considered to be a moderate El Nino; meaning equal chance of wet or dry conditions for our area.

### **D. SCADA Contract Update**

A change order may be presented to the Board at the December meeting, but work has been initiated on the SCADA improvements.

### **E. Homeless Camps in Floodways**

GM Devereux reports attending a meeting at the request of the Regional Water Quality Control Board staff. Area partners discussed individual agency cooperation and resources to assist with cleanup of the Natomas East Main Drain Canal floodway and talked about a long-term solution to the problem. The regional board would like landowners (such as RD 1000) to take on more responsibility for future cleanup. Trustee Avdis made known his desire for the City and County to enforce trespass and keep people out of the floodways so that cleanup of encampments is not necessary. The Board believes it is imperative to get an agreement in place with partnering agencies for future cooperation.

### **F. Natomas Development Projects**

There is a new development in the unincorporated Sacramento County area called "Westside" west of the truck stop over to the river along El Centro Road. A proposal to develop this area will soon come to the District.

### **G. District Audit Status**

Is moving along and coming to the Finance Committee soon.

H. Encroachment Permits Endorsed

GM Devereux endorsed two Encroachment Permits for an auxiliary structure and fence permit.

I. V Drain Update

Staff is responding to request from the property owner Mr. Bob Leal about replacing existing pipe crossings in the V Drain. The District will look into potential cost sharing with the property owner.

J. District December Board Meeting Date and Time

GM Devereux suggested setting the annual staff reception with the Board for December 14 before the Board meeting. Some Trustees expressed their desire to maintain the lunch option in the future

K. Grand Jury review of RD1000

District provided requested publicly available fiscal and O&M information to the Grand Jury.

6. Public Outreach Update

A verbal update of Public Outreach activities was provided by K. Pardieck.

7. District Counsel's Report

Counsel Jim Day provided a verbal update of his work during the month of October 2018.

8. Superintendent's Report

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

9. Correspondence/New/Information

None.

10. Closed Session

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Title: General Manager

The Board met in closed session and selected five candidates to interview for the general manager position.

11. Adjournment

  
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Board Secretary