

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1000  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ACTION SUMMARY  
SACRAMENTO, CA  
October 13, 2017  
8:00 A.M.  
AGENDA  
1633 Garden Highway  
Sacramento, CA 95833

Trustees Present: Barandas, Christophel, Harris, Jones, Smith

Trustees Late Arrival: Avdis

Trustees Absent: Gilbert

President Smith presided at the meeting.

**1. Approval of the Minutes – October 13, 2017**

It was moved by Trustee Barandas to adopt the minutes of October 13, 2017 without changes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Christophel, and carried by a unanimous vote.

**2. Administrative Items**

A. Treasurer's Report for September 2017

Checking:	\$ 438,627.28
Money Market:	\$ 1,268,020.44
County Treasurer:	\$ 1,800.362.31
LAIF:	\$ 1,731,765.25
City Pool A:	\$ 2,025,027.83

Board Secretary Gutierrez provided a brief overview of the August 2017 Treasurer's Report. The Secretary also communicated a requested 1 million dollar warrant from the County of Sacramento had been received. Further, she reported that staff is actively working with vendors to receive paperless billing and make electronic payments to reduce the number of printed checks and reliance upon postage. Gutierrez also advised that Accountant Rob Merritt is preparing a budget to actual report for review at the November board meeting.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Trustee Smith. The motion was seconded by Trustee Avdis, carried by a unanimous vote, motion carries.

**3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. SAFCA Representatives

Trustee Barandas reported on the National Waterway Conference. He discussed the 408 Permit process and new regulations; SAFCA will submit comments. This permit is required to work on Federal levees. Barandas disclosed there is \$96 million in allocated,

yet unused Corps funds and explained that this makes it difficult to get new starts which SAFCA needs for the American River General Reevaluation Report (GRR) project for work outside Natomas.

Barandas reported that 86% of 11 million people who live behind levees are protected by Corps levees and that preservation of life is a small percentage of vulnerability. He also provided an update that construction of the Folsom Dam Raise project has been moved to 2020. Barandas provided Natomas Levee Project reach updates: Reach I expects new proposals within three weeks; Reach H proposals are back but costs exceed engineer's estimates, estimates will be revised and an award will take place by year end; Reach D proposals should be out by year end with a Spring/Summer 2018 start.

Barandas also touched upon SB 580 which will allow state authorization matching for the GRR to widen the Sacramento Weir and to clarify SAFCA authority purchasing land outright or just easements outside of their jurisdiction.

**B. Urbanization Committee**

Trustee Jones reported the Urbanization Committee met on September 29. She shared a meeting of all agencies who are involved in the floodway is being organized with the state water quality board staff to address illegal camping, garbage, debris, and waste.

GM Devereux updated the Committee on the status of the District's System-Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) primarily affecting future encroachments along Garden Highway waterside parcels. He provided an update of proposed developments in Natomas, including Greenbriar, North Precinct and the Panhandle. The GM confirmed an Election of Trustees is upcoming and that he is coordinating with local agencies on how votes may be cast.

PR Consultant Karen Pardieck updated the Committee on her outreach efforts and continues to work with neighborhood associations on briefing their members about the upcoming flood season and the District's preparatory plans. The minutes from the meeting are attached.

**C. Executive Committee**

Trustee Smith reported the Executive Committee met on October 4. The Committee conducted a review of the draft agenda for the October Board meeting, discussed Asset Management Plan proposals, and board authorization to approve the District's annual insurance policies. The Committee touched upon the upcoming election and preparation for the coming flood season. The minutes from the meeting are attached.

**D. Legal Committee**

Trustee Avdis reported the Legal Committee met on October 6. Topics of discussion were the District's annual insurance renewal; status of the waterside berm erosion threatening the structure at 7907 Garden Highway; SB 231 (Hertzberg) which is on the Governor's desk for signature, the bill would expand the definition of "sewage" under Proposition 218; and an update of the efforts by local residents to address floodway camping, debris, waste and garbage. The minutes from the meeting are attached.

**E. Operations Committee**

The Operations Committee met on October 10 to discuss CH2M Asset Management proposal and an update on implementation of the District's Capital Improvement Plan. There was good Committee discussion and suggestions of how to improve efficiency and move the District toward a paperless environment.

#### 4. BOARD BUSINESS

##### A. Presentation by North Precinct Landowner Group Representatives

Ken Gibberson from McKay and Soms, a civil engineer representing North Precinct Landowner Group presented to the Board its land plan for developing 5700 acres planned communities. The concepts were available to view on large posters which depicted a community of unified services such as: hotels, hospital, regional parks with facilities, schools, residential, recreational trails, and open spaces. This plan encompasses land from Elkhorn Boulevard north to the Sacramento county line east of Highway 99, to the Natomas East Main Drain Canal or Steelhead Creek. The plans have been updated from the prior presentation to the Board last spring. Also discussed were plans for appropriate drainage systems through use of lakes and other waterways to distribute flood storage and convey flows to pump stations. A levee system would also be designed for protecting urban areas and designed with 200 year flood protection.

Board members asked questions concerning levee height, traffic and transportation, water quality, mitigation areas and division of responsibility for maintenance of levees and bike paths. All items will be further studied and Mr. Gibberson would expect to continue dialogue with the District to satisfactorily address our concerns.

Currently, the plan has a 2-year timeframe to address many necessary items such as CEQA permits and project approval, other studies, public comments, and Board of Supervisors approval.

##### B. Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Integration Project---Adopt California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings and Authorize Filing of Notice of Exemption.

General Manager Devereux and Scott Brown from Larsen Wurzel discussed CEQA findings and CH2M Environmental Permitting Work for the proposed SCADA improvements being implemented through a Bureau of Reclamation federal grant in cooperation with the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company. Summary and background information was included in the board packet.

It was recommended that the Board adopt the following findings:

1. The adoption and implementation of the SCADA Integration Project will not have significant effects on the environment;
2. Pursuant to section 15300 and section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines, the project does not have a significant effect on the environment, and is categorically exempt (Under Class 1) from the requirement for the preparation of environment documents; and

3. The District will prepare a notice of Exemption for the project and file notice with the County Clerk in Sacramento and Sutter counties in compliance with section 15062 of the CEQA Guidelines.

After discussion by the Board with staff responses, a motion was made by Trustee Harris to adopt all recommendations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Smith, by unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

**C. Contract Amendment with A.T.E.E.M. Electrical Engineers for Consultant Design Services for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Improvements**

Staff recommended the Board authorize the General Manager to execute an amendment to the consultant services agreement with A.T.E.E.M. Electrical Engineering Consultants to include SCADA Design Services and amend the not-to-exceed contract amount to \$125,000. Summary and background information was included in the Board packet.

A motion was made by Trustee Jones to approve the agreement with A.T.E.E.M. Trustee Christophel seconded the motion, by unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

**D. Contract with CH2M for Consulting Services to Develop a District Asset Management Plan**

Trustees Smith and Christophel recused themselves from the discussion and vote due to being employees of CH2M, but remained in the room per District Counsel Jim Day. Board Vice-President Barandas assumed the chair role for this item.

A proposal summary, background information, and scope of work proposed in the CH2M contract was included in the board packet.

A motion was made by Trustee Avdis to approve the proposed contract with CH2M for preparation of a District Asset Management Plan. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jones, by unanimous vote, the motion was approved. Trustees Smith and Christophel abstained from voting.

**E. Approval of District Liability and Property Insurance Renewal 2018**

Staff recommended the Board approve the proposed insurance renewal (property, liability, auto et. al.) as recommended by the Legal Committee. A summary, background information and insurance proposal were included in the Board packet.

Trustees Christophel, and Harris requested information about the definition of levee failure and coverage of defense costs. Responses were provided by staff with District Counsel noting our policy includes a non-wasting clause which means our defense costs are outside the policy limits.

A motion was made by Trustee Avdis to approve the proposed insurance renewal policy with Allied Public Risk at an annual premium of \$103,162 and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barandas, by unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

**F. Board of Trustees 2017 Election Update**

General Manager Devereux provided an election update. He advised the Board of election location details, mentioned he is working with SCI Consultants to obtain assessment values and votes for the highest proper owners (as requested by candidates) and has provided this information to candidates. The GM also reports providing election information to the county, city, and SAFCA as well he is working to get a three member election board appointed and trained. The election board members will be compensated a flat \$500 stipend for the day.

**5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**A. Regional Flood Control Issues**

Trustee Barandas touched upon this issue in his SAFCA report.

**B. Flood season preparation and 2017 Damage Repairs**

GM reported the crews have been testing the pump stations and making necessary repairs to get ready for flood season. He reported staff will attend the pre-flood season briefing by the State and National Weather Service later this month; but the long range forecasts are giving equal chance to being a wet or dry year.

**C. Status – Corps Natomas Project Construction Schedule**

Trustee Barandas also discussed reaches and 2018 schedule in his SAFCA report.

**D. Garden Highway Encroachment Permits Endorsed**

GM reports endorsing a permit application for 3045 Garden Highway landscaping project.

**F. Update on Plant 1 transformer repairs and determination on possible failure cause**

GM Devereux and Scott Brown from LWA disclosed that they met with SMUD on October 12 to discuss the Plant 1 transformer issue. SMUD indicated we could use a single three phase transformer for operations as opposed to three separate single phase transformers. A three phase transformer could be installed and operational by December.

There was discussion about being able to run Plant 1 B and run Plant 1A at the same time. Through this discussion, it was determined that use of two single phase transformers would limit our ability to run both pumping plants simultaneously.

District Counsel Day suggested that the Operations Committee make a decision about which transformer to use by next Board meeting. All Board members agreed.

**G. Panhandle development project (City of Sacramento)**

GM Devereux reported he and SAFCA staff are working with the City of Sacramento on appropriate development setback from the Natomas East Main Drain Canal levee for future improvements. Trustee Avdis had questions and concerns about responsibility for maintenance of this area. Staff will continue to work with the City.

**H. Security Fence Contract Plant 1**

GM reported that security fence project at Plant No. 1 will be complete in early November. An 8 foot high tight mesh fence will replace the existing perimeter fence enclosure. Trustee Smith briefly inquired about automated gates; it was announced this gate will not be automated at this time.

**I. Potential State Water and Flood Control Bond**

GM Devereux reported on a potential State water bond that could include \$750 million dollars for flood control.

**J. Status FEMA Disaster Assistance 2017 Flood**

GM communicated that he has signed Project Worksheet (PW) documents for reimbursement. This funding would include approximately \$300,000 for excess pumping power costs and employee overtime. Also, \$62,000 for repairs to levees and facilities in the Pleasant Grove area.

**K. Update Capital Improvement Plan**

Staff is including the CIP as part of the overall District Asset Management Plan to be prepared by CH2M as part of the Board's approval today.

**6. PUBLIC OUTREACH UPDATE –K. Pardieck**

There were no outreach updates provided.

**7. DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REPORT**


Counsel Jim Day reported on his activities for the month of September.

**8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent's Report was included in the board packet. Superintendent Caldwell indicated the crew was working on the repairs in the Pleasant Grove area, completing the mowing, and other preparations for the coming flood season.

**9. Correspondence/News/Information**

**10. ADJOURN**

  
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