

MINUTES
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Reclamation District No. 537
October 3, 2023

Pursuant to the foregoing consent and the notice thereof, duly and regularly posted and given to all members of the Board of Trustees, and by-laws of said District, a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 537 was called to order by President William Mattos on Tuesday October 3, 2023, at 9:05 am in-person and via Teams online meeting.

1. Meeting attendance/introductions:

Meeting was attended by Trustees William F. Mattos, Dan Ramos, Tom Ramos, Ray Yeung and Ross Peabody and District consultants, Rebecca Smith, Tina Anderson, and Nichole Leonard. Also in attendance were Nicole Ortega Jewell, Ric Reinhardt, David Pesavento, Mike Inamine, Megan Murray, Sabrina Snyder, and Greg Ellis

2. Approval of agenda

Trustee Dan Ramos made a motion to approve the agenda, Trustee Yeung seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

3. Approval of minutes of the Board Meeting on August 1, 2023

Trustee Yeung Trustee made a motion to approve the August 1, 2023 minutes, Dan Ramos seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items District

No members of the public attended the meeting that had comments on non-agenized items.

Business/Action Items

1. Upper Elkhorn Feasibility Study

DWR has commissioned an Upper Elkhorn Feasibility Study to examine two alternatives for providing increased flood benefit, such as weir widening or a secondary bypass. This would be a multi-benefit project to improve flood control, water quality and supply, recreation, and agriculture.

Ric Reinhardt, with Wood Rodgers, is leading the outreach effort, in coordination with Sabrina Snyder with Yolo County, Mike Inamine with HDR, Megan Murray with HDR and Greg Ellis of ICF to produce a locally supported plan. Mr. Reinhardt said that the outreach effort would include local agencies and landowners to address local concerns. There will be a workshop on October 24, 2023 focusing on the Yolo Bypass Project and providing other updates. The District and landowners can provide input. The District will develop a memo to outline their concerns and ideas.

2. DWR

a. Temporary Entry Permit

Ms. Smith will coordinate with DWR legal to defining the Districts role and responsibilities. Mr. Pesavento will redraft the permit to incorporate the maintenance portion.

3. Report on District Finances

a. Trustee Dan Ramos moved to authorize the purchase of 580K backhoe, Trustee Yeung seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0

4. LAFCO information request, Municipal Service Request, due Oct. 15, 2023
Ms. Smith will draft the initial response to questions with the Board to review.
5. Engineers' Report and Updates (MBK):
Trustee Dan Ramos requested MBK Engineer's assistance drafting a Request for Qualifications for a PM.
6. USACE Weir Widening Project Update
Moved to next agenda.
7. Attorneys' Report
Ms. Smith reported that there would be no election as there were no other candidates and that Yolo County will appoint the positions at their November meeting.

Informational Items

1. Manager's Report
The District manager was not able to attend the meeting.
2. WSAFCA Update
Trustee Thomas Ramos reported that all lawsuits regarding the projects were resolved.
3. Adjourn
William Mattos adjourned the meeting at 11:28 am.