# RD 900 BOARD MEETING RECLAMATION DISTRICT 900 June 26, 2024 Minutes

The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM by President Guerrero. Also in attendance at the meeting were: Trustees Alcala, Orozco, and Sulpizio Hull, General Manager Johnson, and District Counsel Tom Henry (in for Ralph Nevis).

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - PART I**

### Entry No. 1

Heard General Administration Functions as follows:

- A. Presentations by the public on matters not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the District. The Agency is prohibited by law from discussing issues not on the agenda brought to them at this time. NA
- B. Monthly/YTD Revenue and Expenses.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA - PART II**

- **Entry No. 2** Consideration of Adoption of Resolutions 2024-06-01 and 2024-06-02 determining RD 900 drainage assessments and collection through Yolo County Secured Tax Roll for fiscal year 2024-25.
- **Entry No. 3** Consideration of Resolutions 2024-06-03 and 2024-06-04 determining the 537 area drainage assessments and assessment collection through the Yolo County Secured Tax Roll for fiscal year 2024-25..
- **Entry No. 4** Consideration to endorse the Central Valley Flood Protection Board encroachment permit for PG&E's Sacramento River Crossings Replacement Project.
- Entry No. 5 Consideration of encroachment permit for PDF Development V, LLC.
- **Entry No. 6** Consideration to enter into a local cooperation agreement with the Central Valley Flood Protection Board for PL84-99 Rehabilitation Assistance Program Work.
- **Entry No. 7** Consideration of adoption of Reclamation District 900's Workplace Violence Prevention Plan.

**Entry No. 8** – Consideration of approval of the May 15, 2024 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Alcala SECOND: Orozco AYES: Alcala, Guerrero, Orozco, Sulpizio Hull

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Early

The consent agenda passed 4-0, by roll call vote.

# **REGULAR AGENDA - PART III**

Entry No. 9 –2024-2025 Budget and Salaries.

The FY 2024-2025 Budget was approved with no additional inquiries or discrepancies.

Employees were granted a 5% COLA increase in their salaries to offset the current cost of living, as well as approval for the following benefit additions: \$50/ month cell phone stipend, vision insurance, short/ long-term disability insurance, and life insurance.

Discussion on additional COLA increases and if salaries were near going rates of nearby Districts. GM will bring salary survey to an upcoming Board meeting for additional comparisons.

MOTION: Sulpizio Hull SECOND: Orozco AYES: Alcala, Guerrero, Orozco, Sulpizio Hull

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Early

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The agenda item passed 4-0, by roll call vote.

# **Entry No. 10 –General Manager Updates (**provided in Board Packet, below are the highlights)

One of the District ponds has a green vegetation covering it. It has also been reported that garbage is in the pond along with a horrible smell. District staff investigated and found no garbage floating in the pond, and at the time of staff investigation, there was no smell in the area. The green vegetation is known as "Duckweed". This vegetation typically occurs as the daily temperatures warm, and the Duckweed will eventually die off within 8-12 weeks. To treat for Duckweed, chemicals would need to be applied. This pond is connected to the larger pond north of Lake Washington Blvd (MC-10 Pump Station), just east of the Nugget Market. To chemically treat, the District would need to block off the larger pond, so that dilution would not occur. The chemicals are quite expensive but do not require fencing off the pond to keep the public out. The District will continue to monitor this pond, no chemical treatment is planned at this time.

The County's Environmental Health Division inspected two of the District's pump stations; the Main Pump Station and MC-10. No violations were cited.

District's consultant and staff inspected several pump stations to evaluate the possibilities of adding backup generator ports (District would rent generators and connect through these ports) and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) or automated controls. Report forthcoming.

Staff continue to work with Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to finalize permit requirements. District Staff and consultants are countering mitigation requirements and have invited DFW to visit the site in person so that they understand the project better. Tree mitigation is one of the major sticking points. DFW wants the District to mitigate non-native trees and the same ratio as native trees.

DFW should have responded to the District by mid-April.

Construction of Blacker Canal proposed for summer 2024. This will now be a two-year project.

Staff met with USACE, CVFPB, and DWR for the repair of the slip outs along the landside of the Deep Water Ship Channel caused by winter storms in January 2023. The USACE plans to have the repairs done by November 2024 under the PL 84-99 program. Bi-weekly meetings have been scheduled to keep District apprised of progress.

FEMA/Cal-OES and Staff completed the analysis for debris cleanup, electrical, and fuel overages for the pump stations. Damages to the Main Canal and eastern portion of Blacker Canal are being reviewed.

#### **Entry No. 11 - Trustee Comments**

Discussion from May 15, 2024 Board Meeting: An inquiry was made as the Co which Trustee would act as Vice President during board meetings in the absence of the President.

Dawnte Early is Mayor Pro Tem for the City of West Sacramento; the City of West Sacramento's City Council the RD 900 Board. Ms. Early is therefore Vice President of the RD 900 Board.

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# Entry No. 12 – Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Blake Johnson, General Manager/Secretary

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