

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FOR RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1614  
HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022

The November Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1614 was held on Monday, November 7, 2022, at the hour of 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Board Members and Staff:

President Kauffman, Trustee Christian Gaines, Trustee Dominick Gulli, Attorney Andy Pinasco, Engineer Chris Neudeck, District Secretary Rhonda Olmo, and District Superintendent Abel Palacio

The following members of the public were present: Chris Elias (SJAFCA), Paul Guerrero (landowner), Steve Klein (landowner)

Absent were: None

**Item 1. Call to Order/Roll Call.** President Kauffman called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**Item 2. Public Comment.** The public may comment on any matter within the District's jurisdiction that is not on the agenda. Matters on the agenda may be commented on by the public when the matter is taken up. All comments are limited to 5 minutes for general public comment and per agenda item in accordance with Resolution 2014-06.

Mr. Klein introduced himself and expressed his concerns over the amount of sedimentation that has occurred in the Smith Canal since the inception of the Smith Canal Gate Project. President Kauffman informed him that he could further discuss his concerns when it is time for the Engineer to give his report.

**Item 3. Approval of Minutes of October 3, 2022, meeting of the Board.** After review,

Regarding **Item 7 Wisconsin Pump Station – Approve Change Order No. 002 – Erosion Protection on Landside Levee Slope:** Trustee Gulli asked the District Secretary to add the wording “The Trustees and Engineer reviewed the Change Order and felt it wasn’t necessary.”

On a motion by Trustee Gulli, seconded by Trustee Gaines, the Trustees present voted unanimously to approve the October 3, 2022 minutes as amended by the following vote.

Ayes: Gulli, Gaines, Kauffman  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Item 4. Presentation of Financial Status Report. Discussion and possible action.**

Rhonda Olmo provided a written and oral report of the District's revenues and expenditures. She reported the District is at 33% for their fiscal year. Attorney Pinasco reviewed the running totals from the General and Wisconsin Funds.

On a motion by Trustee Gulli, seconded by Trustee Gaines, the Trustees present voted unanimously to approve the Financial Report by the following vote.

Ayes: Gaines, Kauffman, Gulli  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Item 5. Budget. Approve Amendment to Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget.**

Attorney Pinasco reviewed the proposed amendments that were premised on the Assessments being set at 90% for the District's Operation & Maintenance and for the Subvention Final Claim of \$252,644.42. The amendment to the budget adjusted the Gross Income down to \$851,460.22 with an amended total Net Income of \$111,760.22. Attorney Pinasco's recommendation was to amend the budget accordingly and those numbers will be adjusted on the Financial Report by the District Secretary.

On a motion by Trustee Gulli, seconded by Trustee Gaines, the Trustees present voted unanimously to approve the amended budget for Fiscal year 2022-2023 by the following vote.

Ayes:           Gaines, Gulli, Kauffman  
Noes:           None  
Abstain:       None  
Absent:         None

**Item 6. Presentation of Engineer's Report. Discussion, direction, and possible action for following items:**

- a. **SJAFCA Smith Canal Gate Project – Discussion and possible action regarding 11/2/22 Correspondence**
- b. **Wisconsin Pump Station No. 7 Project**

Mr. Neudeck provided a written and oral report on the following:

**FROM ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

**I. SJAFCA SMITH CANAL GATE**

- A. Review correspondence from SJAFCA regarding the status of the Smith Canal Gate Project and their Contractor's schedule (Shimick Construction Co.), which has created a concern to SJAFCA related to the potential of increased velocities and scour in the area between north cellular wall and RD 1614's levee thru the remaining channel opening of approximately 65 feet in width.**

***EXHIBIT A: SJAFCA correspondence regarding the status of Smith Canal Gate dated 11/2/22.***

SJAFCA's project construction manager Chris Neudeck provided an update on this project. He and the Trustees agreed that due to the apparent conflict of interest of Mr. Neudeck representing both RD 1614 and SJAFCA, he would only be representing SJAFCA while this topic is being discussed.

Mr. Neudeck explained that the project has been shut down from any 'in-water' work since October 15, 2022. SJAFCA had applied to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for a seasonal extension of permits so that 'in-water' work could continue through November of this year. In 2021, the project did receive such an extension, but not this year. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is the one and only agency that asked the USACE not to extend this permit.

This inability to complete 'in-water' work in November results in SJAFCA not being able to remove the cofferdam and opening the installed and its soon to be tested gate. Without this gate being opened, all

flow in and out of Smith Canal can only move through the approximately 65-foot opening between the right-side levee of the San Joaquin River/Smith Canal and the approximately 80% completed dam. Although velocities in this opening are currently being monitored by Mr. Neudeck's engineers, Trustee Gulli is concerned about the potential of this flow damaging this levee, which could lead to a potential breach.

Mr. Neudeck explained the intention of the monitoring and after significant discussion with the Trustees committed to have the project's design engineers model the current conditions to estimate worst-case scenarios that may occur to the levee of concern at this 65-foot opening.

Mr. Elias, SJAFCA's Executive Director said that the SJAFCA Board of Directors have been informed of this situation. In addressing a question whether they were informed before their most recent October meeting, Mr. Elias would only say that his Board has been informed.

The Trustees and SJAFCA agreed that their plan moving forward consists of the following:

1. The construction manager would coordinate the monitoring and modelling work necessary allowing SJAFCA to present a case to the USACE and NMFS that at least the cofferdam removal portion of the in-water work needs to be complete ASAP. The coordination work may be completed within a week or two.
2. If SJAFCA is allowed to remove the cofferdam, RD 1614 will be satisfied with this result.
3. If SJAFCA is not allowed to remove the cofferdam, at its December 5th meeting RD 1614 will be prepared to declare an emergency condition related to this project and demand that SJAFCA with or without a permit remove this cofferdam to alleviate its concern regarding the current risks to the right levee of the San Joaquin River/Smith Canal.

In addition to the above discussion, Trustee Gaines and landowner Steve Klein expressed their concerns over the amount of sedimentation that has occurred in the Smith Canal since the inception of this project. The Atherton Cove area of the canal has seen significant deposition of sediment making some docks unusable. One possible project to alleviate this concern was to clean-out the culvert between Atherton Cove and the Smith Canal allowing for the Smith Canal out flows to encourage the downstream movement of these sediments.

## **II. WISCONSIN PUMP STATION NO. 7**

- A. Arnaudo has wrapped up their work plan for recirculation and pump testing. KSN is reviewing and will coordinate the pump testing with Arnaudo, Abel, and Control Point.**

***EXHIBIT B: Arnaudo Pump Test Submittal and KSN Inc. review comments.***

Mr. Neudeck reviewed the Wisconsin Pump Station Recirculation Plan:

- Use form lumber to temporarily dam up the outfall structure.
- Remove two duckbills from the old pumps.
- Install two 36" and one 24" inflatable pipe plugs in the wet well's inlet pipes.
- Pump water from the river into the outfall structure until the wet well has enough water to maintain the required minimum submergence of 7'.



- Run each pump the desired duration for testing and add additional water from the river if needed once testing begins.

Trustee Gulli asked that the Board be made aware of when the pump testing will be scheduled so they can attend if available.

**Item 7. Letter of Map Revision. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Letter of Map Revision for District.**

Trustee Gulli reported that FEMA received his package and payment. He stated they have 90 days to respond. To date he has not heard from them.

**Item 8. Presentation of Superintendent's Report; request for direction.**

Mr. Abel Palacio provided an oral and written report. He stated all the pumps were inspected, tested and routine maintenance was performed during October. He provided a summary of his October activity.

- All Pump Stations are in good order.
- RTU batteries are being replaced to maintain the Alarm Agent system reliability.
- Worked with Holt Repair to clean debris, sediment plastic and other debris in the sump.
- All screen and rack systems were cleaned and debris was moved.
- Performed simulated tests on all pumps to ensure reliability during rain events.
- Filled and inspected all the oil reservoirs and adjusted oiler valves.
- Attended a 6 hour training class required per the Wisconsin Pump Station contract on electrical safety.
- Performed levee inspection. No problems to report.
- Emergency flood fighting equipment and supplies were inventoried and inspected for readiness.
- District boat was serviced.
- District truck was cleaned and serviced.

**Item 9. District Newsletter. Discussion and direction.**

The Trustees reviewed the draft Newsletter. After review, it was decided that Trustee Gulli will draft the wording for the CLOMAR and 200 year building restrictions. President Kauffman will provide the wording for the Wisconsin Pump Station, Rock Slope Protection (Riprap), District Levee Standards/Reminders and New Trustee. A new draft Newsletter will be provided at the next meeting.

**Item 10. Report on Meetings Attended.** Trustee Gulli attended the 2022 Preseason Flood Coordination Meeting in October.

**Item 11. District Calendar.**

- a. **Next Meeting is December 5, 2022**

**Item 12. Items for Future Meetings.** Attorney Pinasco to prepare the RD 1614 Emergency Resolution for the SJAFCA Smith Canal Gate Project.

**Item 13. Correspondence.** August 25, 2022 letter from SJAFCA regarding the premature removal of dirt and riprap from the RD 1614 levee adjacent to the work site of the Smith Canal Gate Project prior to the issuance of the RD 1614 encroachment permit for the work.

**Item 14. Bills. Discussion and Possible Action to approve bills presented.**

After review,

Trustee Gaines made a motion to approve the October bills as presented. Trustee Gulli seconded the motion.

Ayes: Gaines, Gulli, Kauffman  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Item 15. Report on San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency's Smith Canal Gate Structure Project. Refer to previous discussion.**

This item was reported on under Item 6a above.

**Item 16. Adjournment.** Trustee Gaines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:03 p.m. Trustee Gulli seconded the motion.

Ayes: Gaines, Gulli, Kauffman  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Secretary: The agenda for this meeting was posted at 3121 West March Lane, Suite 100, Stockton, California at least 72 hours preceding the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Rhonda L. Olmo  
District Secretary

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October 2022 Bills

NAME	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	TOTAL \$	WARRANT #	CHECK #	SUBVENTION FUND
Kevin Kauffman		\$100.00		6132		
			<b>\$100.00</b>			
Christian Gaines		\$50.00		6133		
			<b>\$50.00</b>			
Dominick Gulli		\$50.00		6134		
			<b>\$50.00</b>			
Rhonda Olmo		\$1,237.50		6135		
			<b>\$1,237.50</b>			
Neumiller & Beardslee	333250	\$1,979.56		6136		
			<b>\$1,979.56</b>			
Kjeldsen, Sinnock, & Neudeck, Inc.	33792	\$1,080.03		6137		
	33793	\$545.00				
	33794	\$48.75				
	33795	\$260.00				
	33796	\$65.00				
	33797	\$1,620.00				
			<b>\$3,618.78</b>			
Delk Pest Control	161248	\$220.00		6138		
	164989	\$220.00				
			<b>\$440.00</b>			
Holt Repair & Mfg., Inc.	13075	\$1,524.00		6139		
			<b>\$1,524.00</b>			
BPM	46980	\$316.33		6140		
			<b>\$316.33</b>			

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October 2022 Bills

Abel Palacio - October Payroll		\$1,655.34		Direct Deposit	
			\$1,655.34		
State of California Payroll Taxes - Oct.		\$50.76			
			\$50.76		
Federal Government Payroll Taxes - Oct.		\$515.80			
			\$515.80		
Sprint		\$74.65		online	
			\$74.65		
Comcast		\$128.54		online	
			\$128.54		
Visa		\$552.72		online	
			\$552.72		
PG&E		\$163.23		online	
			\$163.23		

**WARRANT TOTAL: \$9,316.17**  
**CHECKING TOTAL: \$3,141.04**  
**TOTAL BILLS PAID \$12,457.21**