

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FOR RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1614  
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023

The January Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1614 was held on Monday, January 9, 2023, 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, Superintendent Abel Palacio and District Secretary Rhonda Olmo

The following members of the public were present: Erik E. Almaas (KSN), Chris Elias (SJAFCA), Paul Guerrero (landowner), Sarah Vigil (Port Marketing)

Absent were: District Engineer, Chris Neudeck

**Item 1. Call to Order/Roll Call.** President Kauffman called the meeting to order at 2:01 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.

No public comment.

**Item 3. Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2022, meeting of the Board.** After review,

On a motion by Trustee Gulli, seconded by Trustee Gaines, the Trustees present voted unanimously to approve the December 5, 2022 minutes by the following vote.

Ayes:	Gaines, Kauffman, Gulli
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 50% for their fiscal year. She reported on the assessments and interest received to date. The Trustees asked that a new line item be shown on the financial report to track the 2023 Emergency Flood Fight expenses.

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

**Item 5. Resolution 2023-01. Adopt Resolution 2023-01 Declaring a State of Emergency in Response to Flood Risk and Damage Resulting from Severe Storms.**

Attorney Andy Pinasco reported that in response to the recent storms, the Governor has proclaimed a State of Emergency for any damages resulting from the weather. In working with Mr. Neudeck, Mr. Pinasco indicated that in the event something does occur in the District that it has this proclamation, and recommends claiming the State of Emergency if needed. What that does is it takes away the competitive bid requirement in the event the District needs to take any action for any damages that may result and will also support any applications in the event something does occur.

After discussion,

On a motion by Trustee Gaines, seconded by Trustee Gulli, the Trustees present voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2023-01 Declaring a State of Emergency in Response to Flood Risk and Damage Resulting from Severe Storm 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. SJAFC A Smith Canal Gate
- b. Rock Slope Protection Project
- c. Wisconsin Pump Station No. 7

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

**FROM ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

**I. SJAFC A SMITH CANAL GATE**

- A. Review correspondence from SJAFC A regarding the status of the Smith Canal Gate Project and follow up investigation associated with 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: SJAFC A correspondence regarding the status of Smith Canal Gate dated 1/06/23.***

Mr. Almaas provided an updated summary on the ongoing monitoring of the concern related to the potential of increased velocities and scour in the area between the North Cellular Wall and the RD 1614 levee. He reviewed SJAFC A’s January 6, 2023 letter with the Trustees. Mr. Almaas summarized by stating this monitoring was through mid-December and the velocity monitoring and bathymetric surveys performed to date continue to show that no erosion is currently occurring and that measured velocities are below scour-potential velocity thresholds. Ongoing visual inspections of the levee slope continue to occur on a recurring basis. Trustee Gulli questioned the significant difference between 12-15-22 bathymetric survey and the arial survey. Mr. Almaas indicated that the difference was due to vegetation.

President Kauffman stated the District has not heard back on the letter that was sent to SJAFCA, Central Valley Flood Protection Board, San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and United States Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Elias said that there have been ongoing meetings between the agencies and a request has been made for additional information. Mr. Elias said he will respond within the week and plans a follow up meeting to discuss further.

**B. Review photos taken by Supt. Abel Palacio of RD 1614's levee on 12/30/22.**

*EXHIBIT B: Photo summary by Supt Abel Palacio.*

**II. ROCK SLOPE PROTECTION PROJECT (2022-2023)**

**A. Review status of plan development for candidate properties for Rock Slope Protection and Beaver Damage repairs along Smith Canal.**

Mr. Almaas stated KSN has a brief list of house projects volunteering for work. KSN is ready to get surveys done (weather permitting). The Trustee's instructed Mr. Almaas (KSN) to maximize the District's funds on this project. They want as much rock work done as possible by June 30, 2023.

**III. WISCONSIN PUMP STATION NO. 7**

**A. Arnaudo was planning on performing the pump testing this past week post the recent storms allowing the system to fill up with surface run-off. KSN will postpone this testing given the extraordinary fluctuations in the watershed runoff and will coordinate the pump testing with Arnaudo, Abel, and Control Point soon when the weather settles out a bit.**

After discussion,

On a motion by Trustee Gulli, seconded by Trustee Gaines, the Trustees present voted unanimously to have the pumps tested during a rain storm to achieve more data points in addition to the test required by contract by the following vote.

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

**Item 7. Resolution 2022-08. Review emergency action to determine the need to continue the action.**

Attorney Pinasco stated one of the requirements when you adopt a resolution declaring an emergency is that you revisit it at each meeting until it is determined that the emergency no longer exists. After discussion, the Trustees stated the emergency conditions still exists for the District and this item will be revisited at the February meeting.

**Item 8. SJAFCA Smith Canal Gate Project. Discussion and possible action regarding potential of increased velocities and scour in the area between the north cellular wall and RD 1614's levee through the remaining channel opening.**

Discussed under Engineer's Report.

**Item 9. Letter of Map Revision. Discussion and possible action regarding Letter of Map Revision.**

Trustee Gulli stated he heard back from FEMA. FEMA is asking for more information as to the condition of the levee. The Trustee's directed Trustee Gulli, Mr. Neudeck, and Mr. Almaas to provide any existing information they have to FEMA.

Items Mr. Gulli will work with KSN to gather in response are:

- 1987 inspection to levee – submittal to FEMA.
- Most up to date cross-section data. Mr. Almaas indicated KSN has Lidar data.
- Topographic map data for entire district. KSN has 2007 Lidar data with contours. Mr. Almaas stated he can send Trustee Gulli civil LDD file with topographic lines.

**Item 10. Presentation of Superintendent's Report; request for direction.**

Superintendent Abel Palacio reported on the following:

- All pump stations are in good condition.
- Weekly inspections were completed as well as preventative and corrective maintenance.
- The trees wreaked havoc on the power lines during the storms causing a power outage at Wisconsin. Mr. Palacio rented three generators to place at the stations as future precaution. Two of the large generators were stationed at Wisconsin and Franklin. The third (smaller) generator is ready to go if needed. The Trustee's gave direction to rent the generators on a monthly basis until at least March.
- Trustee Gulli asked Mr. Palacio to note where all the storm drains are backing up.
- The Trustees want Mr. Palacio and KSN to notify County OES that the station lost power and to fill out a damage report.
- Mr. Palacio and Rhonda Olmo to secure another Generator Contractor.
- Mr. Palacio will be going on vacation and has Mr. Orlando Lobosco lined up to assist while he is gone.

**Item 11. District Newsletter. Discussion and direction.**

The Trustees reviewed the draft newsletter that Ms. Vigil passed out. The following revisions were suggested for her to make:

- Highlight SJAFCA's upcoming meeting for Smith Canal Project. If SJAFCA does not have their meeting date by the time the newsletter is circulated then Ms. Vigil was asked to state that the reader check SJAFCA's website for more information.
- Remove flood plain section.
- Emphasize the District's rip-rap program.

Ms. Vigil was given direction to send an updated draft to all Trustees, via email, for them to send redlines back. Target print date is in February.

**Item 12. Report on Meetings Attended. None**

**Item 13. District Calendar.**

- a. **Next Meeting is February 6, 2023** - Trustee Gulli stated he will not be in attendance.

**Item 14. Staff Report.**

a. **District Treasurer** – Attorney Pinasco stated he is working with the County to see what the process entails on the District becoming their own Treasurer. President Kauffman asked Attorney Pinasco to find out what the process would be to take some of the District's funds that are available for LAIF investment opportunities.

**Item 15. Items for Future Meetings.** Newsletter, Form 700

**Item 16. Correspondence. Discussion and direction.** None

**Item 17. Bills. Discussion and Possible Action to approve bills presented.**

After review,

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

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

**Item 18. Report on San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency's Smith Canal Gate Structure Project.**

Mr. Elias reported on the following:

- Reported about an available Local Member of Public position available at SJAFCA. The announcement is on SJAFCA's website. Mr. Elias encourages anyone interested to apply.
- Reported that the LSJR Project is \$1.4B, with local share at #140M.

**Item 19. Adjournment.** Trustee Gulli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:04 p.m. Trustee Gaines seconded the motion.

Ayes:           Gulli, Gaines, 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*  
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District Secretary

Reclamation District 1614  
December 2022 Bills

NAME	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	TOTAL \$	WARRANT #	CHECK #	SUBVENTION FUND
Kevin Kauffman		\$100.00		6149		
			\$100.00			
Christian Gaines		\$50.00		6150		
			\$50.00			
Dominick Gulli		\$50.00		6151		
			\$50.00			
Rhonda Olmo		\$1,622.50		6152		
			\$1,622.50			
Neumiller & Beardslee	335707	\$2,058.87		6153		
			\$2,058.87			
Kjeldsen, Sinnock, & Neudeck	34243	\$1,372.50		6154		
	34244	\$845.00				
	34245	\$492.62				
	34246	\$142.50				
	34247	\$36,580.20				
	34248	\$45.00				
	34249	\$150.00				
	34250	\$2,250.00				
	34251	\$2,120.00				
			\$43,997.82			
BPM	48759	\$258.41		6155		
	51562	\$394.45				
			\$652.86			
Port City Marketing Solutions	20067	\$357.50		6156		
			\$357.50			
Holt of California	G0692201	\$2,591.67		6157		
			\$2,591.67			

Reclamation District 1614  
December 2022 Bills

San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District	SJ10029	\$83.20		6158	
			\$83.20		
Delk Pest Control	172419	\$220.00		6160	
			\$220.00		
Abel Palacio - December Payroll		\$2,617.96			Direct Deposit
Orlando Lobosco - December Payroll		\$246.37			2547
			\$2,864.33		
State of California Payroll Taxes - Dec.		\$163.82			
			\$163.82		
Federal Government Payroll Taxes - Dec.		\$836.29			
			\$836.29		
Sprint		\$74.62			online
			\$74.62		
Comcast		\$128.54			online
			\$128.54		
Visa		\$137.16			online
		\$3,368.36			
			\$3,505.52		
PG&E		\$1,577.72			online
			\$1,577.72		
State Compensation Insurance Fund	1001214983	\$261.14			
			\$261.14		

**WARRANT TOTAL: \$51,784.42**  
**CHECKING TOTAL: \$9,411.98**  
**TOTAL BILLS PAID \$61,196.40**