MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1614
HELD MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

The September Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1614 was held on Monday, September 14, 2026, at the hour of 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Board Members and Staff:
Trustee Kevin Kauffman, Trustee Chris Gaines, Attorney Andy Pinasco, Superintendent Abel Palacio, and Secretary Rhonda Olmo

The following members of the public were present: Sarah Vigil (Port City Marketing)

Absent were: President Dominick Gulli

Item 1. Call to Order/Roll Call. Trustee Kauffman called the meeting to order at 2:04 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. Minutes. Approval of Minutes of July 20, 2026 Special Meeting.

President Kauffman noted a spelling error on page four. Jordan Baldwin's name is typed as Jeff Baldwin.

After review,

On a motion by Trustee Kauffman, seconded by Trustee Gaines, the Trustees present unanimously approved the special meeting minutes of July 20, 2026, subject to the correction noted above, by the following vote:

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

Item 4. District Finances. Presentation of Financial Status Reports. Discussion and possible action.

Rhonda Olmo provided a written and oral report. She stated that the District is 16.66% for their fiscal year. She reported on all bills due for the month. Andy Pinasco reported on the prior fiscal year report and noted the following:

- A meeting was supposed to be held this morning with the District Secretary and the County Treasurer's Department. The meeting was cancelled by the County and needs to be rescheduled.
- The new County financial reports identified significant reconciliation problems with assessment income differentiation between Wisconsin and the General Funds.

- Assessments are hitting a single fund bucket rather than being properly allocated between the assessing accounts.
- Property tax increments are also being misallocated across accounts due to misalignment between County reporting categories and district fund structure.
- Assessment income should total approximately $450,000 for the fiscal year ($350,000 existing assessment plus $97,000 Wisconsin assessment.)
- County owes the district approximately $367,000 in back assessments.
- The $2,300 Caltrans non-payment is the only expected reduction from the Wisconsin assessment.

After review,

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

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

Item 5. Trustee Election. Report to Trustees that there will be no election due to the number of nomination forms received did not exceed number of Trustee positions available.

Attorney Pinasco reported this is an election year with one trustee position expiring. Since Trustee Gaines was the only individual to submit a nomination petition and only one position is open; an election will not be necessary. Trustee Gaines will continue to serve on the Board for another four-year term. Mr. Pinasco added this information will be communicated to the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters.

Item 6. Audit. Discussion and possible action regarding accountant proposals for the June 30, 2026 District Audit.

a. Review and approve standard representation letters from Croce, Sanguinetti, & Vander Veen for year ended June 30, 2026 and authorize District Official to sign engagement letters.

b. Approve the appointment of Schwartz, Giannini, Lantsberger & Adamson as the District's new auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, replacing Croce, Sanguinetti, & Vander Veen, and authorize a District official to execute the engagement letter.

c. Approve the appointment of Blomberg & Griffin as the District's new auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, replacing Croce, Sanguinetti, & Vander Veen, and authorize a District official to execute the engagement letter.

Attorney Pinasco reported three proposals were received for audit services: Croce ($8,600.00), Schwartz ($8,500.00), and Blomberg ($7,250.00). Discussion was held and a decision was made to sign both Schwartz and Blomberg contracts. If Blomberg meets the specifications for performing

work on-site and changing principals annually to perform the audits, then the District will contract with them. If not, the District Secretary is instructed to sign a contract with Schwartz.

After review,

On a motion by Trustee Kauffman, seconded by Trustee Gaines, the Trustees present voted unanimously to approve the contracts from Schwartz, Giannini, Lantsberger & Adamson and Blomberg & Griffin as presented by the following vote.

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

Item 7. Cal-Mutuals. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize District Secretary to submit ballot for the 2026 Annual Meeting of the California Association of Mutual Water Companies.

Attorney Pinasco explained the letter and documents that were received from CalMutuals. He reported the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) provides insurance to the District and being a member has some rights to vote. He recommends giving authorization to sign the ballot for quorum only. Attorney Pinasco recommended authorizing the District Secretary to submit the ballot.

After review,

On a motion by Trustee Kauffman, seconded by Trustee Gaines, the Trustees present voted unanimously to authorize the District Secretary to sign the ballot for quorum only and submit the ballot as presented by the following vote.

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

Item 8. Agency Reports. Report on San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency's Smith Canal Gate Structure Project.

a. Discussion and Direction Regarding District Review of Smith Canal Gate Operations and Maintenance Manual.

Discussion was held and the following topics were discussed:

- Variable frequency drives installed on screw gates to address design flaw causing foundation bolt shearing.
- County has not accepted final operation and maintenance due to pending torque limiter testing requirements.
- 3-inch differential head between lake and gate confirmed through field measurements.
- Gates are pressure-sealed rather than latched; latching mechanism identified as design defect.
- Recommendation to remove latch controls to prevent potential jamming and water impoundment issues.

President Kauffman and Dr. Baldwin to draft response to SJAFCA and have District Counsel and Engineering review.

Item 9. <u>District Engineer Report</u>. Presentation of Engineer's Report. Discussion and possible action.

I. LEVEE MAINTENANCE PROJECT – FY 2025-2026

A. Attached are the following two documents that need to be signed by Kevin at the upcoming RD 1614 Board Meeting:

1. <u>Mitigation, Planting, Monitoring, and Maintenance Plan</u> with CDFW **requires a signature** and date on the 8th page of the PDF. This plan covers mitigation for impacts to Riparian Forest and SRA and consists of planting 7 black willows with a 5-year establishment period and a 5-year maintenance period. Please note that we'll actually plant 10 trees to increase our odds of meeting survival requirements.
2. <u>Agreement for Transfer of Mitigation Credits</u> with RD 830 **requires a signature** and date on the 2nd page of the PDF. This plan covers mitigation for impacts to Scrub Shrub and consists of the purchase of Delta Levees Program bulk credits in the total amount of $3,600.

EXHIBIT A: Mitigation, Planting, Monitoring, and Maintenance Plan (Board Signature Required).

EXHIBIT B: Agreement for Transfer of Mitigation Credits (Board Signature Required).

II. LEVEE MAINTENANCE PROJECT – FY 2025-2026

A. Phase I: Residential Properties – Dino & Son Ditching Service, Inc.

a. Contract Status

Item	Status	Amount
Original Contract	Complete	$298,820.00
CCO No. 1	Executed and complete – net credit	($56,424.27)
CCO No. 2	Executed and complete	$196,344.02
CCO No. 3	Pending approval; work complete	$101,174.71
CCO No. 4	Work in progress	Aug: $84,761.13 Sept: TBD
	Total Work Completed through August 31, 2026	$624,675.59

b. Completed Work
- Base Bid: Work at 2472 Country Club Boulevard and 1722 S. Tuxedo Avenue is complete. Work at 1822 and 1826 S. Tuxedo Avenue was deleted and credited under CCO No. 1 after the owner withdrew.
- CCO No. 1: Emergency tree removal and riprap placement at 1600, 1608, and 1616 S. Tuxedo Avenue.
- CCO No. 2: Beaver-den repairs, levee-seal backfill, and placement of 270.96 tons of riprap at 1628, 1632, and 1636 S. Tuxedo Avenue.
- CCO No. 3: Clearing and grubbing, tree and stump removal, access and site restoration, and placement of 179.93 tons of riprap at 2141 Moering Court and 2015 Moering Road.

c. CCO No. 4 – Work in Progress
- 2000 Mission Road: Completion targeted for September 11.
- 1848 S. Tuxedo Avenue: Cleanup and site preparation have been performed. The remaining work is being coordinated due to property-access constraints, with completion targeted for September 18.
- 1844 S. Tuxedo Avenue: Work is planned next, with completion targeted for October 2.

d. Remaining and Potential Properties
- Planned:
- 1542 S. Tuxedo Avenue;
  - the area behind the City pump station/Safeway; and 1716 Tuxedo Avenue.
- Potential: Up to nine additional property owners have expressed interest in receiving riprap. Quantities and costs remain to be determined.

EXHIBIT C: CCO No. 3 – Dino & Son Ditching Service, Inc. (Board Signature Required).
EXHIBIT D: Pay Estimate No. 4 – Dino & Son Ditching Service, Inc.

EXHIBIT E: Site Photographs.

Chris Neudeck reported on the following:

- Golf course project was completed at $800,000+; Smith Canal project partially completed at $300,000.
- Additional $500,000 authorized previously with $300,000 expended to date.
- Nine additional residences interested in participating, potentially requiring another $500,000.
- Fish and Game required mitigation for previous work: planting 12 trees with 5-year establishment and maintenance periods, plus $3,600 in mitigation credits through Westervelt/Jersey Island bank.

- Two mitigation agreements require signature.

After review,

On a motion by Trustee Kauffman, seconded by Trustee Gaines, the Trustees present voted unanimously to authorize an additional $300,000 and sign mitigation agreements by the following vote.

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

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

Mr. Abel Palacio provided a written and oral report on the District's 11 pump stations and approximately two miles of levee on the North Shore and Smith Canal. Mr. Palacio reported the following:

- Pump maintenance completed at Franklin, Plymouth stations with thorough sump cleaning.
- Mormon Water Systems pump 1 reinstalled after impeller and bowl replacement at approximately $16,000 cost.
- Graffiti remediation continues with touch-up paint matching recent station painting.
- Emergency equipment supplier contacts renewed for rainy season preparedness.
- Preseason Flood Coordination Workshop attendance confirmed for October 22, 2026.
- Mr. Palacio has a vacation scheduled in October. He has arranged backup coverage during his absence.

For a complete list of items please refer to the Superintendent's Report in the agenda packet.

Item 11. Report on Meetings Attended. None

Item 12. Trustee Reports. Discussion on Trustee Reports. None.

Item 13. District Calendar.

a. Next Meeting – October 5, 2026.

Item 14. District Newsletter/Postcard. Sarah Vigil handed out a draft postcard for the Trustee's to review. After discussion, Sarah was instructed to include educational content and board responsibilities and application process. Sarah to send another draft of the postcard for the Trustees and Legal review. A final version will be presented at the October Board meeting.

Item 15. Items for Future Meetings. Items for future meetings. None.

Item 16. Correspondence. Discussion and direction.

a. DWR – 2026 Preseason Flood Coordination Workshops

Attorney Pinasco reviewed the correspondence with the Trustees.

Item 17. District Bills. Motion to Approve of Bills.

After review,

On a motion by Trustee Kauffman, seconded by Trustee Gaines, the Trustee's present voted to ratify the July bills and approve the August bills by the following vote:

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

Item 18. Closed Session.

a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: 1848 S. Tuxedo Avenue, Stockton, CA 95204
Agency Negotiator: Andy Pinasco, District Counsel
Negotiating Parties: Randall R. Sutphin
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Item 19. Closed Session Report. The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 4:12 p.m. Trustees Kauffman and Gaines were present in its entirety. There was no reportable action regarding Items 18 (a).

Item 20. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda L. Olmo

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District Secretary

Reclamation District 1614
July 2026 Bills

NAME	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	TOTAL $	WARRANT #	CHECK #	SUBVENTION FUND
Rhonda Olmo		$1,742.37		6571		
			$1,742.37			
Neumiller & Beardslee	358964	$2,471.43		6572		
			$2,471.43			
Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, Inc.	43937	$1,453.55		6573		
	43938	$1,653.50				
	43939	$1,630.80				
	43940	$838.60				
	43941	$8,948.75				
	43740	$1,773.20				
	43741	$1,759.75				
	43742	$893.75				
	43743	$329.25				
	43744	$271.25				
	43745	$645.00				
	43746	$65.00				
	43747	$1,843.75				
	43748	$47,699.40				
			$69,805.55			
California Central Valley Flood Control Association 2026 - 2027 Annual Membership Dues	4427	$847.00		6574		
			$847.00			
Dalek Lawn Care Services	313	$360.00		6575		
	324	$360.00				
			$720.00			

Reclamation District 1614
July 2026 Bills

Moorman's Water Systems, Inc.	19434	$2,930.00		6576		
			$2,930.00			
Delk Pest Control	322083	$220.00		6577		
			$220.00			
U.S. Postal Service P.O. Box annual renewal fee		$202.00		6578		
			$202.00			
Croce, Sanguinetti, & Vander Veen Local Government Compensation Report - Calendar Year 2025	25938	$350.00		6579		
			$350.00			
Dino & Sons Ditching Service, Inc. Change Order No. 3 (1600, 1608 & 1616 S. Tuxedo Ave. Emergency Tree Removal & Riprap).	0806-0670-26-1	$167,022.45		6580		
			$167,022.45			
The Dutra Group Change Order No. 1 (Additional Planting Changes and Quantity Reconciliation)	1614-04-02-26-02	$28,158.95		6569		**ratify**
			$28,158.95			
Dino & Sons Ditching Service, Inc. Change Order No. 2 (1600, 1608 & 1616 S. Tuxedo Ave. Emergency Tree Removal & Riprap).	0806-0670-26-1	$157,462.04		6570		**ratify**
			$157,462.04			

Reclamation District 1614
July 2026 Bills

Abel Palacio -July Payroll		$1,506.57			Direct Deposit	
			$1,506.57			
State of California Payroll Taxes - July		$45.80			online	
			$45.80			
Federal Government Payroll Taxes - July		$490.33			online	
			$490.33			
ADP - Period Ending 6/30/26	725272108	$150.74				
			$150.74			
Comcast		$160.94			online	
			$160.94			
T-Mobile		$85.03			online	
			$85.03			
PG&E		$2,071.90			online	
			$2,071.90			
Visa		$2,568.69			online	
			$2,568.69			

WARRANT TOTAL:	**$431,931.79**
CHECKING TOTAL:	**$7,080.00**
TOTAL BILLS PAID	**$439,011.79**

Reclamation District 1614
August 2026 Bills

NAME	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	TOTAL $	WARRANT #	CHECK #	SUBVENTION FUND
Kevin Kauffman - September 14, 2026 Mtg.		$100.00		6581		
			$100.00			
Christian Gaines - September 14, 2026 Mtg.		$50.00		6582		
			$50.00			
Rhonda Olmo - September 14, 2026 Mtg.		$1,934.19		6583		
			$1,934.19			
Neumiller & Beardslee	359332	$1,814.40		6584		
			$1,814.40			
Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, Inc.	44063	$1,724.25		6585		
	44064	$629.50				
	44065	$1,598.06				
	44066	$1,264.68				
	44067	$892.50				
	44068	$13,766.50				
			$19,875.49			
Fetters Appraisal Company	25154	$600.00		6586		
			$600.00			
Delk Pest Control	325762	$220.00		6587		
			$220.00			
DRJ CPAs, Inc.	3041	$150.00		6588		
			$150.00			
Dino & Sons Ditching Service, Inc. Change Order No. 4.	0806-0670-26-1	$174,302.05		6589		
			$174,302.05			

Reclamation District 1614
August 2026 Bills

Dalek Lawn Care Services	333	$200.00		6590		
			$200.00			
Abel Palacio -August Payroll		$1,258.66			Direct Deposit	
			$1,258.66			
State of California Payroll Taxes - August		$36.03			online	
			$36.03			
Federal Government Payroll Taxes - August		$447.62			online	
			$447.62			
ADP - Period Ending 7/31/26	728256196	$146.50			online	
ADP - Period Ending 8/31/26	730608516	$146.50				
			$293.00			
Comcast		$161.26			online	
			$161.26			
T-Mobile - August		$90.05			online	
T-Mobile - September		$90.05				
			$180.10			
PG&E		$1,887.68			online	
			$1,887.68			
Visa		$575.92			online	
			$575.92			
State Fund	667427833	$544.75			online	
			$544.75			

WARRANT TOTAL:	**$199,246.13**
CHECKING TOTAL:	**$5,385.02**
TOTAL BILLS PAID	**$204,631.15**