

Reclamation District No. 2140
211 Main Street
Hamilton City, California 95951

Board of Trustees
Minutes of Special Meeting Held August 26, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 2140 (RD 2140) held on August 26, 2016 at the Hamilton City Community Services District office was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Board President Lee Ann Grigsby-Puente.

Board Members present: Lea Ann Grigsby-Puente, Walt Stile and Dawit Zeleke.

Board Members absent: None

District representatives: William Paris, Counsel and Tom Anderson, Interim Secretary

GUESTS: Jose Puente, General Manager Hamilton City Community Services District; Ryan Luster, TNC; Adrian Frediani, TNC (by telephone); Seth Wurzel and Eric Nagy, LWA; Megan Jonnson, LWA (by telephone); Dan James, Hamilton City Fire Chief and Schaelene Rollins, j.Harrison Public Relations (by telephone).

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Seth Wurzel provided an update on Proposition 218 election and development of the engineer's report for the RD 2140 Operations & Maintenance Assessment. Mr. Wurzel commented that the Board should go on record to receive the report as a "preliminary review draft".

Mr. Wurzel noted that since action on the assessment will occur after the August 10th cutoff for inclusion on the 2016-2017 property tax roll, the District will have to bill owners directly to collect any assessment due. He recommended split collection for January and May 2107 (i.e. one month later than the property tax payments). For those parcels where no payment is made, collection could be done by considering the bill as a delinquent account and having the delinquent amount placed on the 2017-2018 property tax bill.

Mr. Paris noted that with this effort, RD 2140 is now "on path" for a November 17th election.

2. The Board discussed authorizing j.harrison Public Relations to prepare and send informational mailings to RD 2140 landowners concerning the upcoming Proposition 218 election. Schaelene Rollins noted that she needs approval of the design, key message and summary of the engineer's report. The motion to

- approve the mailers was made by Board Member Stile with a second by Board member Dawit Zeleke. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
3. Eric Nagy provided an update on the Phase 1 construction. The “Training Dike” south of County Road 23 is nearing completion. Construction on the Phase 1 portion levee north of County Road 23 should be completed by mid-October. Mr. Nagy commented that the Crop Advisor has been helpful with respect to monitoring chemical usage by the growers in the vicinity of the Phase 1 construction. Mr. Nagy briefly commented on the “902 limit” noting reasons for concern, (increase in land values and costs associated with the P.G. & E. gas line realignment). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (U.S. ACE) will re-evaluate the P.G. & E. costs to better reflect the actual impact to the project. Lastly, Mr. Nagy noted that a site visit for the Board members and other interested individuals is scheduled for September 16th. (Note: This will be agendaized as a “Special Board meeting” and, as a result, the regular Board meeting will be rescheduled for September 23rd.)
 4. Mr. Nagy provided an update on the Phase 1 restoration. This portion of the project is out to bid. It is expected the contract will be awarded by September 30th (the end of the current Federal fiscal year). Ryan Luster expressed concern over the proposed costs for orchard removal. He suggested using a commercial orchard removal firm (in place of a contractor) to lessen the costs.
 5. Mr. Nagy provided an update on the Phase 2 construction. The U.S. ACE has determined that, for the “Phase 2A” portion (north of State Route 32) no elderberry bushes will need to be transplanted. The contract for this portion of the project should be awarded sometime during the next Federal fiscal year.
 6. Informational update on Phase 2 restoration. Nothing new to report.

REPORTS:

1. Board – None.
2. Secretary – None.
3. Legal Counsel – None.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:27 p.m.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held Friday, September 23, 2016, at the HCCSD office at 211 Main Street, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Arthur T. (Tom) Tom Anderson
Interim Secretary