

## MINUTES

Minutes of the Board of Trustees  
Reclamation District No. 537  
April 9, 2021

Pursuant to the foregoing consent and the notice thereof, duly and regularly posted and given to all members of the Board of Trustees, and by-laws of said District, a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 537 was called to order by President William Mattos on Thursday, April 9, 2021, at 9:07 am via Teams online meeting.

1. Meeting Attendance:

Meeting attended by Trustees William Mattos, Thomas Ramos, Ross Peabody, Dan Ramos and Ray Yeung. Attendees included the following staff and RD 537 consultants: Manager Kyle Lang, Tina Anderson, Nichole Leonard, and Austin Cho.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Trustee Mattos made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Thomas Ramos seconded the motion, vote carried 5-0-0.

3. Approval of minutes of the Board meeting of February 11, 2021

Trustee Mattos made the motion to approve both the February 8 and February 11 meeting minutes. Trustee Thomas Ramos seconded the motion, vote carried 5-0-0.

4. District Finances:

Tom Ramos reviewed the District's finances and provided the Board with an informational summary of pending transactions. The General Manager will reach out regarding outstanding financial items.

5. Public Comment:

No public comments

6. MBK Updates:

a. Lower Elkhorn Setback Levee Update

Construction is still ongoing. After May 1 when Giant Garter Snake season ends, more activity will occur. PGE is scheduled to begin relocation of power poles in May.

b. Pump Station Update

Settlement at the pump station site is being monitored and has been minimal. Mobilization is scheduled to begin June 1, with construction planned for July 1.

c. Interior Drainage Ditch Update

Dewatering plans are under review and construction can begin after approval is received and after May 1 when Giant Garter Snake season ends.

i. Detention Basin Management

SAFCA will meet next week to discuss the agreement between SAFCA and RD 537. When the agreement becomes available, the District will hold a special meeting to review the agreement. Tina Anderson will follow up on the possibility of using the DWR well for water supply.

- i. Metal Building Bid Results  
The building design has been updated, the location has been moved slightly. Tina Anderson to confirm telephone lines are included in the plans. The PGE application has been submitted and is in process.
- ii. Amend Contract with SAFCA (subcommittee to amend SAFCA contract)  
The Amendment to the agreement with SAFCA is still pending. The Amendment, once received, will be reviewed during a special Board Meeting.

e. FMAP Update

2020 FMAP Completion Report was approved. Tina Anderson will confirm that funds have been returned to the State. The 2021 Agreement has been signed. The Board wants to move FMAP funds from O&M to Equipment. The board requested the Emerald bill be sent to DWR to show the cost savings of performing O&M work directly versus contracting the work. If needed, Tina Anderson will set up a meeting with DWR

7. Update on Oroville Lawsuit Subpoena:

No changes or updates at this time. Downey Brand will update the District when there is more information.

8. RD 827 and RD 785 Billing from Jim Nolan

Trustee Peabody to meet with Jim Nolan to review invoices for possible duplicate entries or duplicate work for different districts prior to the annexation.

9. Manager's Report:

Emerald Site Services removed the debris from the winter storm.

District is still pursuing damages for the November 2020 accident that downed a gate. Drainage ditch is finished, General Manager working on map of sites to prevent sediment from entering drainage canals.

The District is planning on installing signage with state language relative to trespassers damaging the levee slope or leaving debris behind when fishing.

The District trustees are proceeding with Ethics training and filing of form 700.

10. Informational Items

a. SAFCA Items

- i. Waiting for SAFCA amendment to agreement 1526
- ii. Detention Basin Agreement with SAFCA pending

b. USACE Weir Widening Project

The project is scheduled to begin in the summer; but there is uncertainty whether that will happen.

11. Adjourn:

Trustee Mattos adjourned the meeting 10:19