MINUTES

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Reclamation District No. 537

April 5, 2022

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 Tuesday April 5, 2022, at 9:11 am in-person and via Teams online meeting.

**Call to Order**

1. Meeting attendance/introductions

Meeting was attended by Trustees William Mattos, Dan Ramos, Thomas Ramos, Ray Yeung, and Ross Peabody. Trustee Dan Ramos and Trustee Peabody joined the meeting after the Call to Order. Also in attendance were the following RD staff and consultants: Kyle Lang, Rebecca Smith, Tina Anderson, and Nichole Leonard. Colin Hanley and David Pesavento from DWR and Sean McNeil from USACE also attended the meeting.

1. Approval of agenda

Trustee Yeung made a motion to approve the agenda, Trustee Thomas Ramos seconded, and the motion carried 3-0-2 (Trustee Dan Ramos and Trustee Ross Peabody were absent during the vote).

1. Review and consider findings related to remote meetings pursuant to AB 361

Trustee Thomas Ramos made a motion to consider and adopt the findings related to remote meetings pursuant to AB 361, Trustee Yeung seconded, and the motion passed 5-0-1 (Trustee Dan Ramos was absent during the vote).

1. Approval of minutes of the Board Meeting on February 10, 2022 and March 21, 2022:

Trustee Ray Yeung motioned to approve the February 10th and March 5th meeting minutes, Trustee Thomas Ramos seconded, and the motion carried 3-0-2 (Trustee Dan Ramos and Trustee Ross Peabody were absent during the vote).

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

No members of the public attended the meeting.

**District Business/Action Items**

1. DWR and USACE Presentation

Colin Hanley from the Division of Multi-Benefit Initiatives, of the California Department of Water Resources, presented an overview of the LEBLS project which set back 7 miles of levee and widened the Yolo Bypass, (presentation attached). Mr. Pesavento reported that DWR appreciates partnering with RD 537 on the Detention Basin and Interior Drainage, and stated that the project is awaiting concurrence from the California Central Valley Flood Protection Board. Mr. Pesavento also reported that the USACE O&M Manual will be updated to reflect best maintenance practices for the new levees and pump station. RD 537 will not be responsible for the maintenance of the new levee until it is certified and officially turned over to the District.

Sean McNeil, Senior Project Manager from the United States Army Corps of Engineers presented an overview of the American River Common Features Sacramento Weir Widening (presentation attached). The project is expected to begin in 2023, with anticipated completion in 2026. The Project will have a passive gate structure. USACE will follow up with the RD after the project schedule is finalized and coordinate with Mr. Kyle Lang regarding the road closures.

1. Report on District Finances

Dustin Dumars was not in attendance at the meeting, but did provide financial statements. Trustee Thomas Ramos provided a brief overview of the documents (see attached).

1. Engineers Report and Updates (MBK):

Ms. Anderson reported that she had spoken with Todd Tommeraason regarding preparing a maintenance manual for the interior drainage plan for the new culverts. GSE may need to install the landbridge between the pump station and the CAMU as they may need additional access to finish the pipes without interfering with Forgen’s work. Geosyntec had to revise the landbridge design to avoid the monitoring wells and the new levee. Trustee Mattos requested a copy of the revised land bridge drawings.. Ms. Anderson also reported that due to the change in design, a USACE permission 408 would not be required.

1. WSAFCA Update

There was nothing to report.

**Informational Items**

1. Update on Oroville Lawsuit Subpoena

Ms. Smith said there was nothing to report.

1. Board member training reminders

Ms. Smith will forward the link for Ethics training. Once the Form 700’s are completed, the District can keep copies on file.

1. Manager’s Report

Mr. Lang reported that he toured the District with the DWR inspector and has a list of maintenance activities to be performed after April 15.

Trustee Mattos and Mr. Lang will review some erosion sites next week and discuss a plan for their repair.

Mr. Lang reported there is ongoing enforcement action related to a leaking pipe; the new owner will be notified of the requirement to make repairs.

1. Additional informational items/Trustee comments

The District purchased a disk for $5,000 to use in their O&M activities.

1. Adjourn

Trustee Mattos adjourned the meeting at 10:58am.