

MINUTES  
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Reclamation District No. 537  
February 24, 2023

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 special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 537 was called to order by President William Mattos on Friday, February 24, at 9:06 am.

**Call to Order**

1. Meeting attendance/introductions  
Meeting was attended by Trustees William Mattos, Dan Ramos, Thomas Ramos, and Ross Peabody. Also in attendance were the following RD staff and consultants: William A. Mattos, Rebecca Smith and Nichole Leonard. Trustee Ray Yeung was absent.
  
2. Approval of agenda  
Trustee Dan Ramos made a motion to approve the Agenda, Trustee Thomas Ramos seconded, and the motion passed 4-0-1.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items District Business/Action Items**

No members of the public attending the meeting.

**District Business/Action Items**

1. Discuss and consider whether to authorize the installation of a new crossing on one of the District's existing culverts.  
Trustee Mattos reported that the location of the current crossing is on the Bagga Ranch Property, and the landowner has requested the crossing be moved, as he does not want traffic traversing his property, due to liability reasons. Trustee Peabody presented drawings he had prepared showing the exiting crossing location and the location of the proposed crossing, which would traverse the Peabody property. He also presented a list of potential conditions of use, including dust control, maximum speed, a certificate of insurance requirement, a requirement to repair damage to the culvert or access gates in the event of damage, and a provision to hold the District harmless from any liability. Ms. Smith reported that the conditions were typical of a conditional use permit and she would prepare a draft use agreement for District review at their next meeting. She confirmed that the new crossing was within the District's existing easement area. Trustee Mattos suggested that the 60-inch pipe might be replaced with a smaller pipe, as the District's drainage configuration has changed; he will follow up with MBK Engineers regarding the required capacity.  
  
Trustee Dan Ramos moved to authorize the installation of the new crossing, Trustee Thomas Ramos seconded, and the motion passed 3-1-1. Trustee Ross Peabody abstained from the vote.

**Adjourn**

Trustee Mattos adjourned the meeting at 9:48 am