

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 2035
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
March 18, 2025

1. Call to Order

Pursuant to notice of a Special Meeting, which was posted and served on the members of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 2035 more than 24 hours prior to June 4, 2024, the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 2035 held a special meeting on this date. The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by President Kyriakos Tsakopoulos.

2. Roll Call

President Tsakopoulos, Trustee Angelo Christie and Trustee Robert Baker were present. President Tsakopoulos noted that there was a quorum present for conducting business. District General Manager Jesse Clark, District Accounting Manager Marti Holland, Board Secretary Denise Costa, Controller Will Vasilopoulos, General Counsel Eric Robinson of Kronick Moskowitz Tiedemann & Girard, Special Counsel Brian Manning of Desmond Law firm, and member of the public Steve Gidaro were present at the meeting.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Proposed Water Rate Increase

General Manager Clark and Accounting Manager Holland described increased District costs to operate, maintain, and repair District infrastructure to provide water service, which costs are detailed in the Draft Water Rate Analysis prepared by Davids Engineering. The Draft Water Rate Analysis proposes updated rates to help ensure the District is recovering from District landowners its cost to provide water service to the irrigated lands within the District. General Counsel Robinson described the Proposition 218 procedure by which local government agencies engage with their ratepayers before their governing boards decide whether to adopt new service rates, including a minimum 45-day period between notifying landowners of proposed new rates and completing a public hearing to count any landowner protests against the proposed rates. Trustee Baker moved to authorize and direct District staff to initiate the Proposition 218 ratemaking process based on the Draft Water rate Analysis, and Trustee Christie seconded the motion, which was approved by a 3-0 vote.

5. Budget v. Actual

Accounting Manager Holland presented actual District costs and revenue compared to budgeted costs and revenue, observing that the cost to restore District flood protection

through the 27 Drainage Pump Station Restoration Emergency Project remained unknown but under evaluation at this time.

6. **2024 FMAP**

Accounting Manager Holland reported that \$153,200 in 2024 levee work by the District has been submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for reimbursement pursuant to the Flood Maintenance Assistance Program (FMAP), with reimbursement anticipated before year end.

7. **2025 FMAP**

General Manager Clark explained that state budget shortfalls have resulted in DWR curtailing FMAP reimbursements for 2025 levee work by the District.

8. **Update on FEMA Reimbursements – 2023 Storms**

Holland reported that the District had received two FMAP reimbursements for District levee work during 2023 storms, and that one reimbursement request remains pending for approximately \$200,000.

9. **District Website**

General Manager Clark provided an update on the increasing cost to operate the District's website and consideration of alternative proposals. President Tsakopoulos highlighted the need to ensure the District website works to provide public notice of Board meetings and other events.

10. **Closed Session — Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation**

Pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(1) of the Government Code. 1 Case (*The State of California, by and through the Department of Water Resources v. Sierra Northern Railway, et al.*, Yolo County Superior Court Case No. CV2022-1546)

The Board entered into Closed Session at 10:50 a.m. to discuss the above lawsuit with the District's Special Counsel on the case, Brian Manning from the Desmond, Nolan, Liviach & Cunningham.

After the conclusion of the closed session, President Tsakopoulos reported out that no reportable action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

ATTEST:

Secretary, Reclamation District 2035