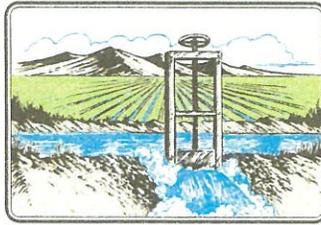


Reclamation District No. 1004



**RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1004
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
October 8, 2025
Regular Board Meeting**

Board of Trustees (BOT) present: Chairman Herkert, Vice-Chairman Borrelli, Trustee Garofalo, Trustee Mord, and Trustee Bailey. District staff present: District Manager Terry Bressler and Office Manager Barbie Buchanan. Public attendees present: Todd Southam, Wally Emery, and Rich Poletti. Public attendees present by phone: Erik Foreaker.

1. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented: Trustee Mord

Second: Trustee Garofalo

Vote: Yes - Chairman Herkert, Trustee Mord, and Trustee Garofalo. Absent from the vote – Trustee Bailey and Vice-Chairman Borrelli

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2025

Motion to approve minutes as presented: Trustee Mord

Second: Trustee Garofalo

Vote: Yes – Chairman Herkert, Vice-Chairman Borrelli, Trustee Mord, and Trustee Garofalo. Absent from the vote – Trustee Bailey.

4. Public to address the Board

Wally Emery, a landowner from Butte Lodge, raised concerns about the presence of azolla and primrose within the District—particularly along the south side of their property. He suggested that the District consider implementing better containment booms or a belt system to help eradicate the weeds from the ditch. Wally Emery noted that with the amount water users pay

for their water, he feels the current weed levels are excessive. Chairman Herkert thanked Mr. Emery for his comments and acknowledged that the weeds are indeed a concern, and assured him that district staff are actively working on treatment options to address the issue.

5. Quarterly Bifurcation Meeting

District Manager Terry Bressler reported that the hydraulic system installed by the State at the Bifurcation Plant is currently not operating, and the District plans to obtain a pump to lift the gates. Erik Foreaker did not report any concerns other than the periodic high water coming into the White Mallard. Nothing else to report, and the next meeting will be held in the first quarter of 2026.

6. Financial Report - Discussion and Possible Action

A. Cash Report/Account Balances

Office Manager Barbie Buchanan reported the current cash balances and suggested that the BOT consider opening a separate account at Edward Jones for DPP funding only and interest accruals. The BOT agreed and directed Barbie Buchanan to start that process.

Motion to create a second account with Edward Jones using the remaining initial DPP funding, as well as any interest already received from the DPP funding: Trustee Mord
Second: Trustee Garofalo

Vote: Yes – Chairman Herkert, Vice-Chairman Borrelli, Trustee Mord, and Trustee Garofalo. Absent from the vote – Trustee Bailey.

Motion to move additional funding received from SRSCC for final installment of DPP funds from TCB to Edward Jones: Trustee Garofalo

Second: Vice-Chairman Borrelli

Vote: Yes – Chairman Herkert, Vice-Chairman Borrelli, Trustee Mord, and Trustee Garofalo. Absent from the vote – Trustee Bailey.

B. Interim Disbursements

Motion to approve interim disbursements totaling \$6,576.51: Vice-Chairman Borrelli

Second: Trustee Garofalo

Vote: Yes – Chairman Herkert, Vice-Chairman Borrelli, Trustee Mord, and Trustee Garofalo. Absent from the vote – Trustee Bailey.

C. Accounts Payable

Motion to approve vendor transactions totaling \$146,450.08: Trustee Mord

Second: Trustee Garofalo

Vote: Yes – Chairman Herkert, Vice-Chairman Borrelli, Trustee Mord, and Trustee Garofalo. Absent from the vote – Trustee Bailey.

D. Accounts Receivable

Discussion only, no action taken.

E. Profit/Loss Statement

Discussion only, no action taken.

F. Approval of Transfers

Transfer \$12,500.00 from the general fund to County Fund 1 (498)

- \$2,500.00 to Water Rights
- \$10,000.00 to Princeton Pumping Plant

Motion to approve transfer from Tri Counties to County Fund 1 as requested: Trustee Mord

Second: Trustee Garofalo

Vote: Unanimous

7. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Azolla in District Waterways

District Manager Terry Bressler shared a few photos of a weed-removal boat and images of the canals within the District. He explained that one of the main challenges is that the excavator can only access one side of the canal. He noted that a boat equipped with a rake or bucket would be a valuable tool for removing weeds more effectively.

Chairman Herkert expressed interest in exploring conveyor belt systems or other methods to help the District provide clean, usable water. Landowner Todd Southam suggested using a vacuum system with a hopper for weed removal, while Trustee Mord recommended contacting a Grass Valley company specializing in aquatic weed removal.

The Board of Trustees continued discussion regarding the boat option presented by District Manager Terry Bressler. Trustee Mord advised considering equipment rental rather than purchasing a boat at this time. Chairman Herkert also suggested investigating the possibility of fabricating a rake attachment for the long-reach excavator.

8. Chairman's Report

A. Update on Sacramento River Settlement Contractors

Chairman Herkert reported that the SRSCC annual meeting and elections will be held on October 23rd. Hans Herkert is on the ballot as the SRSCC Tier 2 Director, and Jesse Clark (RD2035) as the Tier 2 alternate.

Chairman Herkert also reported that the SRSCC budget committee is working on the 2026 draft budget and a 10-year outlook for the DPP funding retained by SRSCC. At the meeting, he suggested that SRSCC use a portion of the 5% DPP funding retention to offset members' dues. That comment sparked a conversation that will hopefully continue; however, the outlook shared at that time indicated that most of the 5% will be used over the next 10 years for fishery-related projects.

9. Manager's Report

District Manager Terry Bressler shared that the 2018 Chevy truck should be sold next week. There are multiple bids on it at this time.

There are currently four pumps running on the river, and quite a few fields will be starting duck water this week.

District Manager Terry Bressler presented the cost estimate for the concrete wall and Rubicon gate previously discussed as potential projects using DPP funds. In addition, Provost & Pritchard staff will be here next week to run a second ditch-loss test.

Trustee Bailey shared concerns about the challenges the District faces with right-of-way within District boundaries. He stated that the District cannot allow people to plant trees within the District right-of-way because it blocks maintenance. The excavator can be driven down the road; however, the swing cannot be operated. Trustee Bailey suggested that a letter be sent to all landowners prior to the District's annual meeting outlining the rules regarding easements and planting trees.

10. Old Business

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Butte Creek

Discussion only, no action taken.

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding White Mallard Dam Automated Dam Level Cost, Feasibility, and Operations

Discussion only, no action taken.

C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Comprehensive Testing for Wells and Lift Pumps

Discussion only, no action taken.

D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Fee Study with Provost & Pritchard

Discussion only, no action taken.

E. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Job Description of New Utility Worker Position

Motion to approve the job descriptions for meter reader and utility worker as presented:

Trustee Bailey

Second: Trustee Mord

Vote: Unanimous

F. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding DPP District Projects

Trustee Garofalo shared that Ed Hulbert from Butte Creek Farms will be meeting with Provost & Pritchard regarding potential concrete ditches. Ben Kronick from Rancho Caleta also contacted the District to enquire about the steps needed for potential projects. Chairman Herkert stated that fact-gathering for all potential projects on the list will help the BOT prioritize them.

G. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Remaining FY22 Drought Funding

Discussion only, no action taken. Tabled until all 2025 water expenses are paid.

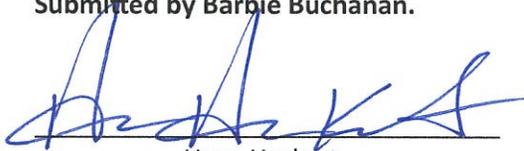
Closed session called at 9:51 a.m.

Open session called at 10:10 a.m.

Report out from closed session: Discussion only, no action taken. Direction given to District staff to request clarity from Counsel on a legal item.

Meeting adjourned 10:12 a.m.

Submitted by Barbie Buchanan.



Hans Herkert
Chairman of the Board



Barbie Buchanan
Secretary to the Board of Trustees