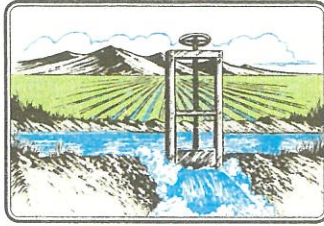


Reclamation District No. 1004



RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1004 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES August 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Board of Trustees (BOT) present: Chairman Herkert, Vice-Chair Mord, Trustee Bailey, and Trustee Southam. Trustee Garofalo was not present. District staff present: District Manager Terry Bressler and Office Manager Barbie Buchanan. Public attendees present: Jackson Minasian with Minasian Law; landowners Deryl Phy and Hayden Harter. Public attendees by phone: landowners David and Joe Barale.

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda – Tab 1

Motion to approve agenda: Trustee Southam

Second: Vice-Chair Mord

Vote: Unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes – Tab 2

A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2026

Motion to approve minutes as presented: Trustee Southam

Second: Vice-Chair Mord

Vote: Unanimous

4. Public to address the Board

None at this time.

5. Financial Report - Discussion and Possible Action – Tab 3

A. Cash Report/Account Balances

Discussion only; no action taken.

B. Interim Disbursements

Motion to approve interim disbursements totaling \$231,032.16 as presented: Trustee Bailey
Second: Vice-Chair Mord
Vote: Unanimous

C. Accounts Payable

Motion to approve accounts payable totaling \$118,426.13: Vice-Chair Mord
Second: Trustee Bailey
Vote: Unanimous

D. Accounts Receivable

Office Manager Barbie Buchanan reported two outstanding invoices; both water users are close to turning off and will receive a final bill.

E. Profit/Loss Statement

Discussion only, no action taken.

F. Approval of Transfers

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

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

Motion to approve transfer from Tri-Counties to County Fund 1 as requested: Vice-Chair Mord
Second: Trustee Bailey
Vote: Unanimous

6. New Business – Tab 4

A. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Potential Water Agreement with 400 Fields

Jackson Minasian of Minasian Law presented several options regarding a potential agreement between the District and the 400 Fields landowners. Minasian recommended that the District enter into a contract, agreement, or separate water application with the 400 Fields because the District is currently serving those fields, which are located outside the District. He stated that there is no proposal to discontinue service to these lands; however, in his legal opinion, it would be advisable for the District and the landowners of the 400 fields to enter into an agreement acknowledging that the lands are outside the District and that the District is exercising its discretion in continuing to provide service.

Minasian further noted that the District owns the distribution system serving the 400 fields and that the District has not proposed any change to its current practice of providing service. The proposed agreement would clarify the status of the 400 fields and the District's authority regarding service to those lands.

District Manager Terry Bressler stated that the 400 fields are included within the footprint of the USBR water contract and are included in the District's water allocation calculations. Vice-Chair

Mord asked if 400 fields may currently participate in a water sale during a critical year, District Manager Terry Bressler confirmed they can.

Minasian Law requested authorization to prepare a proposed agreement for BOT consideration and asked for clarification on the board's desired term for the agreement.

The BOT authorized Minasian Law to prepare a proposed agreement. Vice-Chair Mord expressed a preference for a shorter-term application agreement requiring the landowner to sign an acknowledgment annually. Trustee Southam agreed and suggested that the 400 fields also be specifically defined in the District's Rules and Regulations to avoid future confusion.

B. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Qtr 2 PPP and Water Rights Expense Reimbursement

Motion to approve Qtr 2 PPP Expense reimbursement totaling \$75,538.03 as requested: Vice-Chair Mord

Second: Trustee Bailey

Vote: Unanimous

C. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Request for Easement Crocker Levee

Chairman Herkert reported that two properties within the District, Flyway Ranch and Barale Ranch, are requesting formal easements for use of the Crocker Levee. The properties are currently using the levee, but no written easement agreements are in place.

Chairman Herkert stated that he recused himself from the Board's consideration of the matter because he is a landowner requesting an easement. Joe and Dave Barale, owners of Barale Ranch, also requested an easement.

Jackson Minasian of Minasian Law discussed several legal and procedural considerations for the Board to consider in determining whether to authorize the proposed easements.

Motion to authorize district staff and counsel to develop proposed easement agreements for Flyway Ranch and Barale Ranch for further consideration by the Board: Vice-Chair Mord

Second: Trustee Bailey

Vote: Motion carried, 3-0 (Mord, Bailey, Southam). Chairman Herkert abstained and did not participate in the Board's consideration of the matter.

7. Chairman's Report

A. Update on Sacramento River Settlement Contractors

Chairman Herkert reported that SRSCC is looking to hire an auditor for FY 25/26. He also noted that a Healthy Rivers and Landscapes update was shared at the SRSCC; however, it did not include any new information beyond what Minasian Law reported at RD1004's July board meeting. NCWA reported that there is a lot of work around groundwater recharge, and AB 2026 may make funding available for groundwater recharge projects in the valley. In addition, NCWA shared that there may be potential opposition regarding diverting water during high-flow, wet times.

8. Manager's Report

District Manager Terry Bressler reported that 10 rice fields have already shut off water for the summer season, with additional fields expected to shut off each week.

The District is working with PG&E to relocate the lines serving Pump 13. The work will most likely occur in February. Installation of the new discharge pipe started today.

The District sold approximately 16,000 a/f of water in July, bringing the year-to-date total to approximately 45,000 a/f.

District Manager Terry Bressler asked the BOT to begin considering a shutdown date for the Princeton Pumping Plant so winter water users can be notified. The District has projects to complete before spring, when rice water deliveries will resume.

9. Old Business

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

Discussion only, no action taken.

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

Discussion only, no action taken.

C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding DPP District Projects

District Manager Terry Bressler reported that he is still working on the Rubicon Gates and plans.

D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Five Points Survey and Reports

Discussion only, no action taken.

10. CLOSED SESSION AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

A. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Sacramento River Water Rights/Bureau of Reclamation & California Department of Water Resources

B. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Litigation Updates

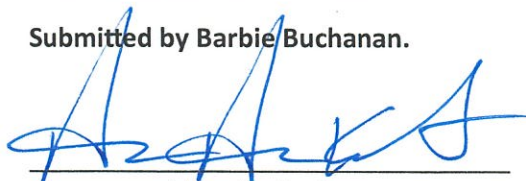
Closed session called at: 11:12 a.m.

Open session called at: 11:15 a.m.

Report out from closed session: Discussion only, no action taken.

Meeting adjourned: 11:16 a.m.

Submitted by Barbie Buchanan.



Hans Herkert
Chairman of the Board



Barbie Buchanan
Secretary to the Board of Trustees