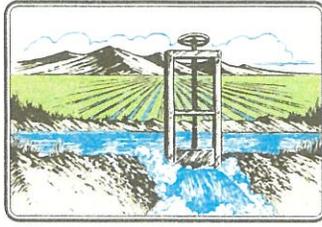


Reclamation District No. 1004



**RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1004
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
September 17, 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: Deryl Phy.

1. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented: Vice-Chairman Borrelli

Second: Trustee Mord

Vote: Unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2025

Motion to approve minutes as presented: Vice-Chairman Borrelli

Second: Trustee Garofalo

Vote: Unanimous

4. Public to address the Board

No public comments at this time.

5. Financial Report - Discussion and Possible Action

A. Cash Report/Account Balances

Office Manager Barbie Buchanan followed up with the BOT regarding the USBR refund discussed at last month's board meeting. She shared that the BOT had previously made a motion to move the funds to Edward Jones in April 2025. In the past, the District has

absorbed any USBR refunds and covered any additional USBR expenses/true-ups without passing these expenses on to landowners. The discussion in April 2025 was in line with previous discussions.

B. Interim Disbursements

Motion to approve interim disbursements totaling \$10,136.03: Trustee Bailey
Second: Trustee Garofalo
Vote: Unanimous

C. Accounts Payable

Motion to approve vendor transactions totaling \$288,668.73: Trustee Bailey
Second: Trustee Mord
Vote: Unanimous

D. Accounts Receivable

Office Manager Barbie Buchanan reported that there are currently four open invoices totaling \$7,349.25.

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 Bailey
Second: Vice-Chairman Borrelli
Vote: Unanimous

6. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding DPP District Projects

District Manager Terry Bressler shared a list of potential projects within the District that could have water savings opportunities. The list includes a new concrete ditch, replacing the McVey Weir, adding bifurcation to the McVey Weir, replacing the County Line structure, automation at Avis, and rebuilding and implementing automation at lift station 13 at Drumheller Slough. After discussion with the BOT, it was decided that the priority would be to add bifurcation to the McVey Weir and rebuild and automate lift station 13 at Drumheller. After those projects are complete, the District will prioritize the additional projects on the list. District Manager Terry Bressler will obtain estimated costs and timelines for these projects.

Vice-Chairman Borrelli stated that he believes Rancho Caleta and Butte Creek Farms are in a different position than other landowners because they are outside the District's regular service area, so the projects do not directly benefit them. District Manager Terry Bressler suggested that a frequency drive at the pump, which RC and BCF use, could benefit both properties. Trustee Garofalo stated that it is important for RC and BCF to benefit from water-saving projects. Chairman Herkert agreed and suggested that RC and BCF bring potential projects for that area so that the BOT can have additional conversations to discuss projects that could benefit that part of the District.

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

Office Manager Barbie Buchanan reported that in 2024, the BOT made a motion to use FY22 drought funding to cover the construction component loan with the USBR. After months of working with USBR and legal staff, the USBR denied the District's request to pay off the loan. At that time, the BOT wanted to cover the 2024 water toll; however, the legal team stated that the BOT cannot make retroactive decisions, and it was suggested that all motions be forward-looking. Therefore, the BOT decided to cover all of 2025 USBR water costs.

The topic was also discussed at the January and April meetings this year, but the decision was made to wait until all 2025 USBR water invoices are paid; then, the BOT will reallocate the remaining funds. The topic was tabled until November.

C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2025 Winter Water Rate

Office Manager Barbie Buchanan requested clarification that the BOT would like to maintain the winter water rate and continue with the same \$3.00 rebate provided to summer water users. The BOT confirmed that this was their intention and would like to maintain the current rate. The \$3.00 rebate will be funded from reserves, as previously approved.

7. Chairman's Report

A. Update on Sacramento River Settlement Contractors

Chairman Herkert announced that the SRSCC board seat elections are now open. RD1004 is considered a Tier 2 contractor with SRSCC, and Ed Hulbert was previously the primary representative, with Hans Herkert serving as the alternate. Chairman Herkert volunteered to serve as a primary board member on the SRSCC board. The BOT agreed and suggested that Todd Southam, landowner and RD1004 trustee elect, be suggested by RD1004 to the SRSCC as a candidate for the Tier 2 alternate seat. Office Manager Barbie Buchanan will write a letter to the SRSCC Chairman making the request.

Trustee Bailey raised concerns about the cost of the SRSCC movie and suggested that SRSCC consider waiving the annual dues paid by contractors, given their withholding from the DPP funding.

Chairman Herkert continued with the SRSCC updates and shared that David Guy with NCWA had reported that there is significant momentum behind Healthy Rivers and Landscapes. The Governor is seeking program approval by the end of this year, with potential implementation of the program in 2027.

On the federal level, it was reported that \$200 million should be approved in the upcoming federal budget for Floodplains Reimagined and salmon hatchery projects.

Chairman Herkert provided an update on the RD1004 elections. He thanked Vice-Chairman Borrelli for his time serving on the board, as he is not seeking reelection. Including Vice-Chairman Borrelli's seat, there are three seats available, and the District received three petitions and therefore no election is necessary. The first board meeting with the new Board will be on December 10th. District legal counsel will write a letter to the Colusa County Board of Supervisors requesting that the three qualified candidates be appointed to the RD1004 BOT.

8. Manager's Report

The Provost & Pritchard representative conducted a water loss test on Drumheller Slough and will conduct another test in a few weeks once winter water delivery has started and we have at least 100 cfs coming down Drumheller. The results showed that the water loss was the same at Drumheller and the cement ditch. At the time of the test, water deliveries were still occurring at the top and draining back at the bottom. Examining the results shared to date, the District may not be losing as much water as previously thought.

District Manager Terry Bressler shared that the previously approved loads of gravel were insufficient to complete the necessary maintenance at the cut-off road and stated that an additional 10 loads are necessary. The BOT agreed and provided direction to finish the project.

At the East Levee, there have been a few sluffs due to the trees growing on the side of the levee, and District staff is working on removing those trees.

It is expected that the District will turn the river pumps back on this week. Butte Creek is starting to slow down. The rice growers have been notified that the water will start back up.

9. 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

District Manager Terry Bressler and Office Manager Barbie Buchanan recently met with legal and the Provost & Pritchard representative. The engineers are still working on completing the proposed pay structure based on the fee study. We are currently awaiting additional information.

E. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Water Delivery Repairs at Field 163

District Manager Terry Bressler reported that the District has received written approval from both landowners that would be impacted by the work at Field 163, Martha Bower & Butte Lodge. District staff have already started on working on the delivery for the field and expect to have it completed within the next month.

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

Discussion only, no action taken. Topic tabled until the October meeting.

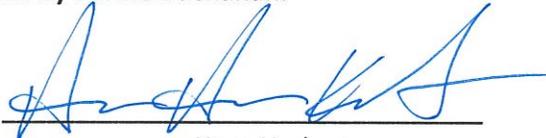
Closed session called at 12:05 p.m.

Open session called at 12:19 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Submitted by Barbie Buchanan.



Hans Herkert
Chairman of the Board



Barbie Buchanan
Secretary to the Board of Trustees