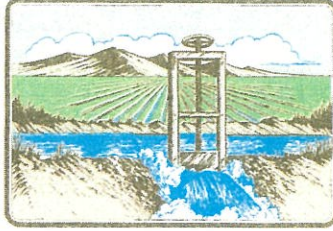


Reclamation District No. 1004



RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1004 Annual Landowners Meeting MINUTES April 7, 2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) present: Chairman Herkert, Vice-Chairman Mord, Trustee Garofalo, Trustee Bailey, and Trustee Southam. RD 1004 staff present: District Manager Terry Bressler and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Barbie Buchanan. RD1004 legal counsel present: Dustin Cooper (Minasian Law). Public attendees present: Thad Bettner (SRSC), David Guy (NCWA), Ed Hulbert, Ken Moonie, Chase Collmer, Jacob Kley, Matt Coyle, Clark Becker, and Kurt Richter.

1. Call the Meeting to Order

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

2. Welcome Landowners and Guests

Chairman Herkert welcomed all attendees.

3. Introduction of the Board

A. Election Update

After the BOT introduced themselves, Chairman Herkert provided an update from the 2025 elections, which led to the appointment of Trustee Todd Southam and Trustee Nicole Garofalo.

4. Public to the Address the Board

None at this time.

5. 2025 Year Review

A. Full Water Allocation

Chairman Herkert shared that 2025 saw a full water allocation, and the District had about 20,000 acres irrigated for agriculture or habitat.

B. Final Profit & Loss Statement and Audit

Chairman Herkert reported that the 2025 audit has been completed with no concerns and is available for review. He also reported that FY 2025 recorded a net loss of \$176,000.00, close to the budgeted amount.

6. 2026 District Updates

Chairman Herkert provided updates in the following areas:

A. Water Toll

The budget process resulted in an expected \$20.65 per af for water delivery; however, the BOT elected to allocate the remaining FY 2022 USBR Drought Funding to offset delivery costs, reducing the water toll from \$20.65 to \$14.00 per af. The water toll for 2026 is \$14.00 per af.

B. Admin & Standby

The budgeted Admin fee is \$7.88 per acre, and Standby is \$14.62 per acre. However, going through the budget process, these amounts came out higher, but the last time the District went through a 218 process in 2018, those items were capped at the amounts we are charging now. Chairman Herkert reported that discussions are underway with the BOT to determine whether to increase the capped amounts, a change that would require a new 218 process.

C. Budget

This year, numbers are set; however, 2027 could see an increase in the water toll, as the USBR FY 22 Drought Relief Funding has been expended. In addition, Admin and Standby fees may increase as reported above.

D. Unit Duty/Allocation Outlook

The unit duty for 2026 is 5 af per acre, and a full water allocation is expected.

7. Water Rights

A. David Guy, NCWA

David Guy of the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) shared updates on NCWA's 2026 priorities, including Floodplain Forward. This collaborative initiative in Northern California's Sacramento Valley is designed to reconnect the Sacramento River to its historic floodplains, restoring habitat for endangered salmon while supporting agriculture. It aims to mimic natural flooding, providing natural food sources and safe, productive rearing areas for salmon during winter, thereby reducing the need for regulatory restrictions on water use.

In addition, NCWA and MBK have begun to re-engage with the State Water Board to ensure an orderly process if we face another curtailment year. Finally, surface water will be a major focus on the west side of the valley over the next few years, including ways to recharge it. NCWA is working with various agencies to develop ways to support this effort in our region.

B. Thad Bettner, SRSC

Thad Bettner of Sacramento River Settlement Contractors Corporation (SRSCC) provided updates in various areas, including the Bureau of Reclamation's Strategy Action 5 and Initiative 6, as well as DPP updates.

All funds have been distributed to the participating contractors who signed the DPP agreement. One of the DPP requirements is that more than 50% (as an aggregate) of the funding must be spent on water conservation programs and actions. SRSCC will begin collecting information from Contractors to determine how much of the required allocated amount has been spent to date.

Thad Bettner provided updates on the USBR's strategy for Action 5 and Initiative 6, which SRSCC is actively working on with the USBR. Action 5 will re-optimize how the CVP is operated to move more water when and where it is available, while staying within the biops. Key aspects of this are operational flexibility, storage, and conveyance. This could lead to slightly higher and more predictable allocations. Initiative 6 will examine storage restrictions in Shasta, fish populations, and ESA regulations to increase the water supply, and will focus on conveyance and infrastructure as part of a long-term strategy.

Dustin Cooper with Minasian Law Firm shared that their firm is working with agencies on several areas, including Butte Creek. They are currently monitoring the State Water Board's demand-and-supply tool. It is not clear what the SWB's plan is, but it appears that the SWB would like to be more active with enforcement on Butte Creek.

8. Capital Project Updates

District Manager Terry Bressler shared pictures of the projects and upgrades that District staff have completed and are currently working on this year, as well as potential projects for next year.

A. East Canal Control Structure

District Manager Terry Bressler reported that we had no control over the water flowing East at McVey Weir, but there is now a wall across the weir to allow District staff to control the water flowing east, which should eliminate the need to keep the ditch high and flood out neighboring fields.

B. Pump 13 in Drumheller Slough

Pump 13 was an old facility, and the wall was beginning to wash out. District staff have installed a new sump pump at that location and are waiting for the pump to be repaired. Once it is, the main pump will go back in. This will be a water-saving project.

9. District Operations Updates

A. Diversions vs. Recycled

District Manager shared information from the 2025 water sources, which included a 12% ditch loss, 13% recycling, 23% from Butte Creek, and 76% from the Sacramento River.

10. District Office Updates

Office Manager Barbie Buchanan reminded attendees that all paperwork and fees must be submitted before water is delivered.

11. District Mission Statement

Chairman Herkert shared the District's mission statement from a few years ago that the Board of Trustees and the District strive to deliver.

12. Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Herkert thanked everyone for attending and invited them to stay for lunch.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by Barbie Buchanan.



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Chairman of the Board



Barbie Buchanan
Secretary to the Board of Trustees