RECLAMATION DISTRICT 799

(Hotchkiss Tract)

PO Box 353/6325 Bethel Island Rd., Bethel Island, CA 94511

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Regular Board Meeting

**Thursday, January 30, 2025**

**Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 PM**

Meeting Minutes

\*denotes supporting documentation available electronically and at the Reclamation District 799 office.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call: The** meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Present for the meeting were President Senior; Trustees Price, Pierce, Mazotti and Lipary.

Others present at the meeting included District Manager Alvarez, Levee Superintendent Gragg and District Secretary Holder.

1. **Public Comments**: None
2. **Consent Calendar**: All numbered consent calendar items listed will be acted upon under one vote unless specifically removed from the consent calendar by a member of the Board.
   1. Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 5, 2024, 6:00pm
   2. Warrant(s)\*
   3. Financial Report(s)\*

**A motion was made by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Mazotti to approve items a – c on the consent calendar. The vote showed five trustees in favor. Motion carried.**

1. **Discussion/Action Items:**
   1. Update/report on Summer Lake North development by District Manager/District Engineer/District Legal Counsel

**Summer Like North (SLN)**

The Outfall structure on the northeast end of the complex is completed. Work included: penetration into the new levee, installation of pipes, making the ditch deeper, and lining with riprap. The water will be pumped to Pump Station 3 through the Outfall structure. There is a water treatment regimen in place as required by the state and county.

Work on Pump Station 3 is moving very slowly, due to various delays. It only has partial power for lighting. They continue to do little piecemeal work on the inside and outside. The work is about 90% completed. When full power arrives, there will be a lot of testing and then training for our staff too.

Right now, there is a lot of temporary fencing which will eventually be removed. The final fencing plan will consist of new gates east and west of the maintenance yard. There will be wrought iron and security chain-link entrances and exits. A very extensive fencing plan has been proposed, and the District has approved it.

The title transfer for the new levee was idle for many months. The process has started again. It will probably take about a month or so to be completed.

Our staff has already begun some weed abatement and discing. In the spring, they will start their full-time mowing operations.

It was mentioned that there are security guards patrolling around the new pump levee. Some vandalization has occurred so they will probably have security in place for a long time.

**Grand Cypress Preserve (GCP))**

The District has not had any contact with GCP in 2025. On the technical side, they have sent over plans to our engineering firm, and they are reviewing them.

* 1. Continued discussion and possible adoption of a Board Policy Handbook

A revised handbook was handed out to everyone for review. Trustee Price was asked to go through the District’s Bylaws and make the necessary changes to the handbook.

Trustee Price suggested changing the wording of “General Manager’ to ‘District Manager” and “Board of Directors” to “Board of Trustees” throughout the handbook to reflect RD 799 verbiage. All references to Government Code 61000 and above need to be deleted as these codes do not apply to RD 799. We are governed by the Water Codes. The Brown Act takes precedence where confidentially is concerned.

President Senior will make the suggested revisions. A revised draft Board Policy Handbook will be sent to all board trustees to review prior to the next Board Meeting. Everyone should be prepared to discuss and possibly adopt the final Board Policy Handbook.

1. **Permits** – Discuss & Possible Action on all New and Pending Permits:
   1. Report on approved permits for routine encroachments - none
   2. Update on Potential Enforcement Actions - none
2. **Engineer’s Report**\*
3. **Information Items**:

Required Board Trustee Training\*

At the February board meeting, there will be a presentation from the District’s Auditor’s (Bowman & Company) regarding the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Audit.

1. **Field Reports**:
   1. District Manager Alvarez\*
   2. Levee Superintendent Gragg\*

1. **Office Manager’s Report\***
2. **Board President’s Report**: None
3. **Trustee Reports**: None
4. **Adjournment**: The meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by District Secretary Holder

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