

April 13, 2023

President Tom Slater opened the meeting of the board of Trustees at 8:00 A.M.

The Trustees in attendance are Jeff Merwin, Gary Merwin, and Ed Franceschi. Also present is Vanessa Schmoker, Gil Cosio, and John Studarus. Trustee Steve Barsoom was absent.

The agenda was approved as presented. (M- G. Merwin S- J. Merwin) Unanimous.

The minutes of the March 9, 2023 meeting were approved as presented. (M- J. Merwin S- G. Merwin) Unanimous.

President Slater highlighted the financials for the month of March. President Slater reviewed the PG&E bill, there were some dates that fell within the storm range, however it is higher than previous [drought] years. The bill for tree removal was reviewed as well, while it was expensive it was also necessary due to its location over the house.

Expenditures were approved as presented. (M- G. Merwin S- Franceschi) Unanimous.

President Slater invited Gil Cosio to present the Engineer's Report. Gil reports that our Subventions claim is still waiting for the state to finish any deduction adjustments before payment is issued. Gil explains that many districts are still waiting for payments from the FY 2020-2021 claims with no reasonable explanation from DWR, so the fact that FY 2021-2022 is a bit delayed is not unexpected. The application for FY 2023-2024 has been submitted and Tina will send the resolution for signature.

Gil also informs the Board that the LOI for SWIF was approved and sent to the Flood Board. FEMA has given the District 60 days from the date of our first meeting to include any other repairs or issues to our claim. The deadline is June 17, 2023. Gil also encourages the Board and local landowners to attend the Delta Adapts focus groups. He expresses that most attendees are state employees and so concerns and comments from landowners are not being addressed.

Gil updates the Board on the Independent Science Board reviewing the EIR/EIS for the Delta Conveyance Project. He states that 2 meetings have taken place and both have been pretty critical of the EIR/EIS. Gil believes it is helpful to

have independent groups like this involved in the comment process. Lastly, Gil reminds the Board of the Water Bonds making their way through the legislature and essential to the ballot. Multiple bonds are being presented, and will likely get combined into one measure. The final figure will likely be a multi-billion dollar water bond for future water projects.

President Slater presents some preliminary gate drawings to the Board for the Elk Slough Project. The initial idea is that each end of the slough will have two 25' gates versus one 50' gate. This will be more cost effective and serve the functionality, safety features, assembly, and maintenance better. President Slater is also presenting the drawings to RD150.

Bookkeeper Schmoker gives a brief update on the Microsoft integration, cloud uploads, e-billing, and the progress made toward a more remote/paperless office.

President Slater reviews the FEMA process. There are meetings with FEMA set and will proceed for now. The process is very tedious and the concern is that it will be fairly expensive in Tina's time to complete the process. Moving forward will be evaluated after the next meeting set for April 21, 2023.

Water reporting is open for FY2022. As in previous years, the District will report under four licenses. These are for the whole District. If an individual landowner would like to report for their individual diversion points, the District needs to be notified so that usage is not duplicated in the reports.

The Board discusses the timing of bringing water into the District as well as the primrose issues, and how to proceed.

The next Board meeting will take place June 8, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am