

BRANNAN-ANDRUS LEVEE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

Minutes of Thursday, January 12, 2017

The stated meeting of the Brannan-Andrus Levee Maintenance District's Board of Directors was called to order at 9:45 in Closed Session by President, Larry Gardiner, on the above cited date at the District Office, 310 Second Street, Isleton, California.

1. Roll Call indicated a quorum with the following in attendance:

Directors: Joe Deak, Larry Gardiner, H. Denis Van De Maele and Gay Giles
 Staff: Bruce Pisoni, Bookkeeper/Asst. Secretary

2. Discussion - Annual Personnel Performance and Compensation Review.

3. Recess / Call To Order. President Gardiner called a Recess until 10:00 at which time the District's monthly meeting resumed.

4. Reestablishment of Quorum and Agenda Setting. The following were in attendance:

Directors: Joe Deak, Larry Gardiner, H. Denis Van De Maele and Gay Giles
 Staff: Debbie Phulps, Secretary; Bruce Pisoni, Bookkeeper/Asst. Secretary; Andy Giannini, Superintendent and Gilbert Labrie, Engineer
 Guest: Eric Chiu of Delta Bay RV Resort / Campground

5. Agenda Setting. MSC (Giles / Van De Maele) adopting the Agenda as presented. [MSC = Motion-Second-Carried unanimously unless otherwise noted].

6. Report back from Closed Session. The Board reported favorably with regards to Andy's and Russel's performance during the year. **MSC** (Giles / Van De Maele) approving a 2.3% cost of living adjustment effective January 1, 2017. The resulting Gross Salary for the Superintendent will be \$49,724.18, and the Maintenance / Equipment Operator I will be \$36,176.32.

7. Invitation to Address the Board. None responded.

8. Business

8.1 Financial - Pisoni.

A. Bank of Rio Vista statement was provided to Director Giles. Copies of the Balance Sheet and Unpaid Bills Detail were distributed.

Balance Sheet Summary as of meeting date:

Total Checking / Savings.	\$	1,305,318.83
Total Accounts Receivable.. . . .	\$	475,321.36
Total Other Current Assets.	\$	159.79
Total Fixed Assets.	\$	557,598.95
Total Other Assets.	\$	5,369.31
Total Assets.	\$	<u>2,343,768.24</u>

Total Liabilities (all Current).	\$	923,153.36
Equity.	\$	<u>1,420,614.88</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity.	\$	<u>2,343,768.24</u>

B. The following claims were submitted for payment approval.

AT&T Wireless.	250.67
Bank of Rio Vista.	47.60
CA Dept. Fish & Wildlife.	4,912.25

CA EDD (payroll).	310.64	Contour Sierra Aebi.	615.63
CA PERS.	4,466.74	Correia; Harvey.	100.59
CA RWQCB.	1,440.00	Deak; Joe.	100.59
California Waste Recovery.	261.80	Downey Brand.	109.50

San Rafael Rock Quarry.	1,417.04	Pisoni & Associates.	1,614.41
EFTPS (payroll).	2,043.84	RAM Welding.	240.00
Frontier Communications.	258.41	Ramos Oil.	1,692.46
Gardiner; Larry.	219.19	Reclamation Dist. 2067.	360.00
Giannini; Andy.	2,255.09	River Rats.	75.00
Gilbert Labrie, AIA.	24,107.53	Van De Maele; H. Denis.	100.59
Giles; Gay.	100.59	Sub-Total Claims.	\$ 56,258.43
John Deere.	6,905.67	Transfer to Superintendent	
Kipfel; Russel.	2,238.97	Checking.	2,000.00
Oilwell Materials.	13.63	Total.	\$ 58,258.43

MSC (Giles / Deak) authorizing payment of the claims by the issuance of one, \$25,000 warrant.

8.2 Secretarial - Phulps. **MSC** (Giles / Deak) approving the minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting as distributed.

9. Guests Addressing the Board. Eric Chiu was present to discuss the status of the levee adjacent to Delta Bay and the proposed project to address stability and seepage. He was curious as to project timing and design as influencing his operations. District Engineer Labrie updated the Board as to the inclinometer readings and consultation with geotechnical engineer, John Raney. Concerns and options were discussed.

10. Reports

10.1 Superintendent - Giannini. Andy reported as to the recent high water response activities and status of the RD pumping activities. He observed cracking of the Sevenmile crown between the dams, closer to Pump Station 2; additionally he reported on a crown crack nearer the waterside of the levee at Jackson Slough Road (near Brunos). There are no active boils at this point. Andy is comfortable with current patrol coverage.

He reported on trees overhanging the Georgiana Slough patrol road, and efforts to clear a path in advance of the bad weather. Discussion ensued confirming the landowner’s responsibility to maintain their trees and vegetation in a manner so that they do not encroach upon, or impede heavy equipment access along the patrol road. It was decided to enlist legal counsel’s assistance in drafting a letter to owners of property adjacent to the Georgiana Slough patrol road (non-County road section) reminding/advising them of the 16-foot easement clearance requirement and their responsibilities relative to maintenance of their residential vegetation. If the District has to undertake corrective measures, the owners will be billed for those activities, which is a lienable action against their property.

10.2 Engineer - Labrie. Due to current weather and water conditions, and time demands covering affected districts, a verbal status report was given during the meeting as to the status of BALMD levees and issues. Gil followed up with a written report after-the-fact, included here.

- A. Levee Investment Strategy (DLIS). This Delta Levee Program financial management study effort has been underway since November 2014. It began as a Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) directed effort to develop an, objective, benefit/cost budgeting methodology relying on flood risk assessments to set funding priorities. The intent is to incorporate the recommendations and backup data into an updated Delta Plan and satisfy a Delta Reform Act requirement. In response to Delta critics of the entire process and product, the risk analysis methodology and priority list is being described as a “Decision Support Tool” (DST). However, the questionable conclusions that can be drawn using the DST remain because there have not been any substantive revisions in the documents being produced, in response to the written criticism generated by Delta stakeholders and transmitted to the DSC and CVFPB. In a recent status report to the DSC, the “consultant team” continued to defend its product and questionable conclusions, and is now planning to hold “public information” meetings in Walnut Grove on the 17th and 24th of this month.

Because of the DST is likely to impact the Subventions Program, it is critical that important technical flaws in the methodology and the uncertainties creating holes in the results and island rankings are totally discredited. Consequently, the CVFCA and LMA engineering firms, along with the assistance of a well-qualified geotechnical engineer are involved in an all out effort to formally comment on the engineering assumptions, policies and recommendations generated by the DLIS consultant, Arcadis, as well as a separate effort being undertaken by the Delta Protection Commission (DPC) to look at flood protection funding alternatives to ensure that all beneficiaries pay their fair share. This study effort could influence the DLIS report and potentially get memorialized in the Delta Plan update and become the guide for future legislative budget decisions. The importance of this entire effort to the future of the Levee Subventions Program cannot be dismissed, particularly since the Governor vetoed the bill extending the Program beyond 2018 with

a reference to awaiting the outcome of the DLIS effort

The December 2016 holiday lull has resulted in no new outreach to the local LMA's regarding either the DLIS or the DPC funding alternatives effort.

- B. Subventions Special Project (BA-15-1.0-SP). This major erosion repair project involving the Sacramento River levee from Isleton to Cache Slough is covered by an officially approved Work Agreement with DWR. In order to move forward and apply for funding advances DWR approval of a Statement of Work (SOW) was required. After one turn-around, approval was obtained in October 2016.

Subsequently, an application for a total advance of \$209,950 was submitted by this office in November 2016. A response to this request has been delayed due to further DWR consultation with CDFW staff about the project's CEQA status.

- C. Recent Special Projects Solicitation. There has been no change in the status of the selection process for the most recent PSP round. An initial ranking based on the points generated from the PSP point system circulated resulted in the BALMD project receiving the highest point score. There has been no further official correspondence from DWR's Subventions Program staff regarding BALMD's project submittal.
- D. Delta Bay Monitoring. As previously reported, a total of three new inclinometers were installed in early June 2016, and have been read five times since then by Raney Geotechnical. During this seven-month period movement has continued to show up in the two new inclinometers installed on either side of the original crown installation and is starting to show up in the inclinometer installed at the levee toe opposite one of the new ones on the levee crown. A site visit with John Raney is planned and additional survey data will be collected to evaluate surface movement and develop engineering information to evaluate alternate berm configuration scenarios to guide development of an initial imported fill project.
- E. 2016-17 Subventions Program. For construction this fall it was recommended, at the September Board meeting that a high priority project for consideration was the repair of some deep erosion scallops along the Isleton river front that were not addressed during the last Sacramento River fall rip-rapping project in 2014. A bid opening occurred the last week in September and the San Rafael Rock Quarry was the only bidder. Project construction began before the end of October. The final project construction cost was \$430,540.84, with the two approved change orders, adding material for an additional erosion site and vegetation trimming to facilitate the placement of the rip-rap at some sites west of Isleton.

10.3 Director Reports - None.

11. Adjournment. With no further business to come before the Board, **MSC** (Deak / Van De Maele) adjourning the meeting 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debbie Phulps, District Secretary
DCC Engineering Co., Inc.

Date Approved: February 9, 2017
MSC: Deak / Giles