

Reclamation District No. 1004



RD1004 ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING

June 16th, 2021

10:00 a. m.

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Chairman Hulbert welcomed all landowners to the annual landowners meeting at 10:20 a. m.

All Trustee's and staff were introduced.

Chairman Hulbert recognized Roger Borrell who was a Trustee for 25 years. Roger passed away on February 18th, 2020. He said Roger was an asset to RD1004. Roger was a retired attorney, businessman, fiscal conservative, detailed oriented and loved hunting and fishing.

Chairman Hulbert recognized Frank Rogers who served as Trustee on the Board for 12 years. He passed away in early 2021. He was a pharmacist, farmer and businessman. During the budget process his financial background was invaluable to the District.

Chairman Hulbert recognized Robert Johnson who passed away in early 2021. Mr. Johnson had been the accountant for RD1004 for approximately 17 years. Mary, Kelly and Jan who work for Robert Johnson Accountancy will carry on as the Districts accountants.

Chairman Hulbert gave an overview of 2020. He said the District sold 1,354 acre feet of water to San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority. The total sale was \$363,252 of which \$108,731 was credited to the landowners for their standby fee. \$254,521 is in a reserve account pending action.

The District was notified of a 25% reduction in water so the District allocated 3.2 acre feet of water per acre. On June 10th the District was notified of a full allocation of water.

He said the audit came out at \$206,000 net. However, the budget was a negative \$143,000 at a \$19.50 water toll. The negative budget is to try and hold the water toll at \$19.50 per acre foot. He said internal audit controls have been set up with Mary doing quarterly audit and duties being separated. He said we continually transfer \$10,000 a month from Fund One to Fund Three which is the Princeton Pumping Facility for reserve in case it's needed for repairs. Chairman Hulbert said we currently have a website for public information.

Chairman Hulbert said the 2021 budget was a negative \$597,000 so the water fee had to be increased to \$28.00 per acre foot of water. 3.0 acre feet of water was allocated for the year. He said he wants to have \$5 million dollars in reserve and currently we have 2.3 million.

Chairman Hulbert said the District is participating in a water sale with San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority for 12,517 acre feet of water which makes up 4,500 acres at \$575 per acre foot of water. RD1004 will pay for the expenses out of RD1004 25% retainer.

The District was just notified that the Bureau of Reclamation may raise the water cost due to their higher cost of running the Bureau.

David Guy of NCWA was introduced. David said the inflow to Shasta Dam is critical. The Governor issue a temporary urgency plan to relax the standards in the Delta and what that means is less water has to flow into the Delta keeping more water in Shasta Dam and Oroville Dam. The Sacramento River temperature plan is the big item of concern with the State Water Board. They want a lower temperature of water above Shasta.

David said there's funds available from the Bureau of Reclamation to help District's. He said the State Water Board will be looking at Post 1914 water rights and riparian water rights. He said Butte Creek had 8,000 spring run salmon that made it to the upper channels. He said they're working on getting permits to eradicate the weeds in the channel of Butte Creek for passage.

He said the State budget has been approved and a lot of money is for water projects. He said it would be nice to have Sites Reservoir this year but they are still working on it.

Terry said he'd heard that the governor had a plan for water for birds in the flyway. David said the Governor encouraged ground water pumping but there's no other source of funding currently.

Chairman Hulbert introduced Dustin Cooper of Minasian Law Firm.

Dustin said the water industry is in a very dynamic situation right now. He said things change daily. The actions relate back to our water contract. The new case is the Winn Act conversion challenging your water rights known as the Biological opinion. RD1004 isn't involved in the Winn Act conversion but yet we are named in the lawsuit. There's a challenge on the Districts Bureau 2004 water contract along with the ongoing NRDC lawsuit.

Chairman Hulbert said Steve Crawshaw, Daniel Cunha and Curtis Trujillo are working in the District. He said Terry is mindful to keep the overtime down. Terry said we currently have 5 wells and currently the 6th well is being finished. He said wells are producing 40 c. f. s. He said he doesn't see any water being delivered after November 1st.

Barbara Sachs said Vanessa Padilla had been hired as a full time Administrative Assistant. She's currently being trained on accounts payable and accounts receivable. She just completed her first water season learning about RRA forms and water allocations.

Dustin Cooper said the boundary adjustment the District was successful in doing, we'll look back 50 years from now and say it was the best decision we ever made as the Butte Sub-basin is rich in water. Terry said if the District had been in the Colusa County Sub-basin we would have had to assess the landowners in the District for costs involved.

Chairman Hulbert said we weren't successful in contracting with the Bureau of Reclamation to transfer water to the Wildlife Refuge at no fault of the District. Some capital projects had to be put on hold for example the concrete ditch for the main canal and the Avis Project to name a few. He said the Board is trying to be sensitive to the landowners and doing their best.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



Ed Hulbert

Chairman of the Board of Trustees



Barbara J. Sachs

Secretary to the Board of Trustees