

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1608
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Panzer on June 3, 2026, at the law offices of Neumiller & Beardslee, 3121 W. March Lane, Suite 100, Stockton, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

MICHAEL PANZER
DAN MacDONNELL
DOTTIE LOFSTROM

OTHERS PRESENT

ANDY PINASCO
CHRIS NEUDECK
JOE BRYSON
ELVIA TRUJILLO
ARACELI LOFLIN (Summer Intern)

1. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2026. The Trustees reviewed the draft minutes. After review,

It was moved, seconded (D. MacDonnell/D. Lofstrom) and
unanimously carried by the Board Trustees of Reclamation District
1608, that the minutes of the May 6, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
be approved as presented.
3. **Financial Report.** Review, discuss, and accept financial report. District Secretary Elvia Trujillo presented an oral and written report. After review and discussion,

It was moved, seconded (D. Lofstrom/D. MacDonnell) and
unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation
District 1608 that the Financial Report presented at the June 3,
2026, meeting be approved.
4. **Budget.** Adopt Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget. Attorney Andy Pinasco presented the draft budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027 which includes the amendments discussed at the last meeting. He reported the budget is structurally balanced, with all expenditures supported by identified revenue sources. As a result, no deficit is anticipated, and a net surplus of approximately \$28,500.00 is projected if spending proceeds as planned. He noted the budget does not take an aggressive approach to capital improvements; however, it is a planning document and may be amended as needed. Mr. Pinasco recommends action to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 which will go into effect at the next meeting.

It was moved, seconded (D. MacDonnell/D. Lofstrom) and unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 that the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 be adopted as presented.

5. **Levee Standards Ordinance.** Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Ordinance 2026-02, an Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 Adopting the District's Updated Levee Encroachment Standards. Attorney Andy Pinasco and Engineer Chris Neudeck reported on this item. The Levee Encroachment Standards were originally initiated in 2018–2019. The proposed updates are primarily refinements to existing guidelines, including clarification of language, alignment of terminology with current Standards, and incorporating feedback received during prior reviews. The substantive framework of the Levee Encroachment Standards remains unchanged. It was noted the Levee Encroachment Standards retain a regulatory nature and are sufficiently detailed to ensure enforceability. The updates were considered over two meetings to promote transparency. This final version is presented for adoption and, if approved, would take effect immediately. Board discussion included concerns regarding the illustration of trees in Appendix S-7 with a consensus to revise Appendix S-7 accordingly. Also discussed was additional educational materials, such as Frequently Asked Questions, that may be considered in the future to assist property owners with compliance. After discussion:

It was moved, seconded (D. Lofstrom/D. MacDonnell), and unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 to Adopt Ordinance 2026-02, adopting the District's Updated Levee Encroachment Standards, subject to revision in Appendix S-7.

6. **Engineer's Report.** Discussion and Possible Action on Engineer's Report.

I. **Lower San Joaquin River Feasibility Project**

- A. Review the outcome from the FM 50L Fourteen Mile Slough US Army Corps of Engineers Design Charrette held on Thursday, Mary 21, 2026.

Exhibit A: Meeting Agenda.

Exhibit B: Design Charrette PowerPoint presentation.

Engineer Chris Neudeck reported an update was provided at the recent engineering charrette concerning location and design alternatives for the proposed gate structure. Discussion included operational and maintenance considerations, including periodic gate closures for maintenance that could restrict navigation and impact marina operations. A potential dual-gate concept was introduced to improve operational flexibility, allowing one gate to remain operational during maintenance of the other and maintaining navigation access. This concept received interest for further evaluation. It was noted that engineers are continuing to evaluate alternatives, including cost, environmental constraints, constructability, and levee conditions. Additional coordination is expected with

construction teams familiar with similar projects. Project timing remains preliminary, with design progression ongoing and overall implementation estimated to be approximately five to ten years out.

II. Plan Review.

- A. Review status of Annual Levee Inspection of the District's Levee system for 2026.

EXHIBIT C: Violation Remedy Tracking 2026.

Engineer Chris Neudeck provided an update on levee inspections and reported ongoing challenges with several properties. He noted that follow-up inspections have been completed at the Hemmington and Jackson properties noting that the issues have not been remedied. The Legkovs did several modifications and additions, however, an as-built or plan for modification has not been submitted for review and approval. A letter to the Legovs will be forthcoming to address the compliance issues. Mr. Neudeck also reported that coordination among property owners has been inconsistent, and in some cases ownership changes and other circumstances have affected progress such as in the case of the property previously owned by the Foulks. Mr. Neudeck will coordinate with Joe Bryson to confirm current property ownership at the property previously owned by the Foulks.

III: Delta Levee Subventions Program.

- A. Review recent program briefing by a PowerPoint presentation by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Staff on the last several years of the Program.

Exhibit D: DWR PowerPoint Presentation on Subventions Program.

Mr. Neudeck reported on the briefing and presentation provided by the Department of Water Resources on the Delta Levee Subventions Program. It was reported that approximately 60 reclamation districts participate in the program. While funding levels have increased in recent years, available funds for routine maintenance remain constrained due to administrative costs and set-asides for special projects. It was further noted that Proposition 4 provides approximately \$150 million for the program, to be distributed over time and subject to competing priorities. Ongoing legislative and funding discussions continue at the state level, including proposals that could impact cost-sharing provisions. Staff will continue to monitor developments and advocate for funding to support Delta levee maintenance and improvements.

7. **Superintendent Report. Request for directions and approvals.** Levee Superintendent Joe Bryson gave a written and oral report.

- Mr. Bryson reported receiving a recall notice from Ford for the District's truck due to a safety issue where a wheel could possibly detach. The recall is nationwide, and no repair is currently available until possibly July. However, it was noted that Ford has not issued a "stop drive" order. It was recommended that in the interim, the District's truck should be limited to low speeds and avoiding freeway travel. Mr. Pinasco proposed that Mr. Bryson meet directly with dealership management to discuss options, such as a loaner vehicle. Depending on the outcome of the meeting between Joe Bryson and Big Valley Ford's management, the Board directed Mr. Pinasco to draft a letter to the dealership requesting a loaner vehicle until the recall issue is resolved.
- In item 10 of his report, Mr. Bryson requested to hire a fifth employee since all employees are part-time employees. Mr. Pinasco did not see a concern with hiring a fifth employee if it was needed to keep up with levee maintenance.
- Item 11 of Mr. Bryson's report was also discussed. The Board directed Mr. Bryson to inspect the site where the tree was removed and confirm whether proper root removal and root chasing was performed, as required when removing a living tree. Property responsibility will also be determined based on the tree's location. It was reiterated that homeowners are responsible for vegetation management in compliance with Levee Encroachment Standards.

For a complete list of items, please refer to Mr. Bryson's report attached hereto.

- a. **Discussion and possible action regarding insurance coverage for District property.** Mr. Pinasco reported the insurance coverage of the generators for the pump station. The underwriter had advised that the policy carries a \$5,000 minimum deductible, which exceeds the replacement value of the District's smaller generators and pumps which are approximately \$1,000 to \$1,500 each, making coverage ineffective, as no claim payment would be realized in the event of loss. The underwriter also indicated the deductible cannot be reduced. Options discussed included removing existing generator coverage and self-insuring the equipment, or adding a blanket tools and equipment policy, though the same deductible limitation would apply. The consensus was that these lower-value items may not be practical to insure due to the high deductible, and not all District equipment is currently scheduled for coverage.

8. **Levee Tour Discussion. Report and discussion to schedule 2026, District Levee Tour.** There was discussion of a levee tour to take place sometime in the months of September, October, or November.
9. **Meetings. Report by Trustees on meetings attended and upcoming meetings. Request for direction.** No report.
10. **Report and Possible Action on Progress of Tasks Assigned at Previous Board Meetings.** No report.

11. **Discussion and direction on Short-Term and Long-Range Goals.**
It was requested that Frequently Asked Questions to the Levee Standards be placed on the next agenda.
12. **District Calendar.** Discussion and direction.
- Next Board Meeting July 1, 2026.
 - Mr. Neudeck indicated he would not be available for July Board meeting and would be sending someone from his office in his place.
13. **Correspondence.** Please see discussion on generators in Item 7.a.
14. **Approval of Bills.** District Secretary Elvia Trujillo presented an oral and written report on District expenses. After review,
- It was moved, seconded (D. MacDonnell/D. Lofstrom) and unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 to approve the list of bills for this meeting as amended.
15. **Staff Reports.** None.
- (a) Attorney. The agenda for this meeting was posted on the window outside the meeting room at 3121 West March Lane, Stockton, California, at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the meeting.
16. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elvia C. Trujillo
District Secretary

Acronyms Frequently Used

AC Repairs = Asphalt Concrete Repairs
CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act
CVFPDB = Central Valley Flood Protection Board
District = Reclamation District 1608
DWR = Department of Water Resources
KSN = Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck
LWA = Larsen Wurzel & Associates
MCSA = Maintenance and Capital Services Assessment District
N&B = Neumiller & Beardslee
Prop 218 = Proposition 218
RD 1608 = Reclamation District 1608
SJAFCA = San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency
San Joaquin OES = San Joaquin Office of Emergency Services
USACE = United States Army Corps of Engineers

JUNE 2026 MINUTES RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1608 SUPERINTENDENT

JOE BRYSON

1. Levee patrol 00+to 180+. Cleaned and checked the pump station four times.
2. We finished laying rock on Five Mile Drive.
3. We covered one hundred seventy five feet of levee rock with cyclone fencing. Three men forty hours, they get faster by the day. Installed thirty-four rolls of fence @ two dollars a square foot, one thousand six hundred dollars. Looks good.
4. Lots of debris in the water, super high tides. Hard to get out of the water.
5. We have a new police officer in charge of the homeless. We run them off every day.
6. Last week when I opened the yard, Peaches, my dog barked. I looked up and saw a sweat shirt on the wire. A man walked out from under the shed.Told him to leave and called the police, had a hammer in my hand. Ran off five people from the pump station, they are stealing copper.
7. Vegetation is exploding on the levee. Pulled weeds for a week.
8. We started the blacktopping of the road, the big job is the cracks and the old blacktop road coming up.
9. We have a new homeowner at the old Hanson house. The house with the entire backyard of cement.

10. I would like to hire a new man. He worked for me a long time ago. He is a great worker, on time, fast. He will work long hours, Saturday with me.
11. We pulled a large stump from a backyard, chased the roots. It took four men three days.

Reclamation District 1608
Amended Bills for Approval - June 3, 2026, Board Meeting

NAME	Date	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	TOTAL \$	WARRANT #	CHECK #	RATIFICATION
Michael Panzer	6/3/2026	Trustee Stipend	\$300.00				
				\$300.00	7016		
Dan MacDonnell	6/3/2026	Trustee Stipend	\$300.00				
				\$300.00	7017		
D. Lofstrom	6/3/2026	Trustee Stipend	\$300.00				
				\$300.00	7018		
Elvia Trujillo (May Services)	6/3/2026	Secretary Fee	\$1,328.55				
				\$1,328.55	7019		
Neumiller & Beardslee	5/6/2026	358137	\$5,015.38				
	5/27/2026	358482	\$3,173.45				
				\$8,188.83	7020		
Kjeldsen Sinnock & Neudeck	5/22/2026	43343	\$2,074.47				
	5/22/2026	43344	\$1,036.50				
	5/22/2026	43345	\$253.00				
	5/22/2026	43346	\$590.00				
	5/22/2026	43347	\$147.50				
	5/22/2026	43348	\$1,520.00				
				\$5,621.47	7021		
Croce Sanguinetti & Vander Veen	5/8/2026	24943	\$8,525.00				
				\$8,525.00	7022		
Reclamation District 1608	6/3/2026		\$40,000.00				
Transfer to Checking Account				\$40,000.00	7023		
PG&E	5/27/2026	2999432760-8	\$39.17				
				\$39.17	7024		
State Compensation Insurance Fund	4/4/2026	1003543774	\$1,954.01	\$1,954.01		e-Check	
State Compensation Insurance Fund	4/25/206	1003630238	\$1,204.00	\$1,204.00		e-Check	
State Compensation Insurance Fund	4/29/2026	1003727969	\$364.28	\$364.28		e-Check	

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Bank of Stockton Visa	5/11/2026	3/28/26-4/27/26	\$9,372.79	\$9,372.79		Online	
ADP, Inc. (payroll)	5/1/2026	720110376	\$91.26	\$91.26		Online	
ADP, Inc. (payroll)	5/15/2026	721021742	\$88.12	\$88.12		Online	
State of California Payroll Taxes		4/30/26 and 5/15/26 Payroll	\$1,421.85	\$1,421.85		Online	
Federal Government Payroll Taxes		4/30/26 and 5/15/26 Payroll	\$6,022.22	\$6,022.22		Online	
Joe L. Bryson (Payroll)	5/1/2026	4/1/26-4/30/26	\$7,562.64	\$7,562.64		Direct Deposit	
Joe C. Godinez Sr. (Payroll)	5/1/2026	4/16/26-4/30/26	\$1,384.56	\$1,384.56		Direct Deposit	
Joe C. Godinez Sr. (Payroll)	5/15/2026	5/1/26 - 5/15/26	\$1,541.32	\$1,541.32		Direct Deposit	
Carlo D. Boccia (Payroll)	5/1/2026	4/16/26-4/30/26	\$1,982.83	\$1,982.83		Direct Deposit	
Carlo D. Boccia (Payroll)	5/15/2026	5/1/26-5/15/26	\$1,911.85	\$1,911.85		Direct Deposit	
Roger Lamarra (Payroll)	5/1/2026	4/16/26-4/30/26	\$1,296.48	\$1,296.48		Direct Deposit	
Roger Lamarra (Payroll)	5/15/2026	5/1/26-5/15/26	\$1,329.32	\$1,329.32		Direct Deposit	
		WARRANT TOTAL:		\$64,603.02			
		CHECKING TOTAL:		\$37,527.53			
		TOTAL BILLS:		\$102,130.55			