

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1608
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 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 July 1, 2026, at the law offices of Neumiller & Beardslee, 3121 W. March Lane, Suite 100, Stockton, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

MICHAEL PANZER
DAN MacDONNELL
DOTTIE LOFSTROM

ABSENT

CHRIS NEDUECK

OTHERS PRESENT

ANDY PINASCO
JOE BRYSON
ELVIA TRUJILLO
CHRIS KANE (AG Wildlife Management)
BOB BENTZ

1. **Public Comment.**
 - Bob Bentz commented on wildlife activity in and around the region, noting a significant increase in coyotes.
 - Chris Kane attended the meeting to provide information on his rodent control services. He described his experience monitoring and removing rodents, discussed observations of beaver and nutria presence on nearby areas, and outlined the services he provides to local agencies.

2. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 3, 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 June 3, 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 July 1, 2026, meeting be approved.

4. **Appropriations Limit.** Adopt Resolution 2026-03 Adopting Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Andy Pinasco presented this item. He reported this is an annual resolution to establish appropriations limit for the following fiscal year. He explained the calculations in Exhibit A and has calculated the appropriations limit for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 at \$916,829.07. This information will be provided to the San Joaquin County Auditor-Controller. After review,

It was moved, seconded (D. MacDonnell/D. Lofstrom) and unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608, that Resolution 2026-03 Adopting Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 be approved.

5. **Assessment Resolution.** Adopt Resolution 2026-04 Certifying Assessments to be Collected and Establishing a Procedure for Collection. Andy Pinasco presented this item and explained the District establishes annually the amount to be collected for assessments. He noted the assessment was structured using long-term financial planning assumptions, including full assessment collections to support repayment of debt associated with prior dredging projects and to build reserve funds for future dredging and channel improvements necessary for levee maintenance. He further explained that adoption of the resolution initiates the process for certifying the assessment roll for submittal to the County for collection through property tax bills, with direct invoicing provided to public agencies and certain utility properties not billed through the property tax system. There was discussion on the assessment structure and the purpose of the annual escalator, noting that it was included in the assessment approved by property owners and assists the District in addressing increasing costs, reducing debt obligations, and strengthening financial reserves. After further discussion,

It was moved, seconded (D. Lofstrom/D. MacDonell) and unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608, that Resolution 2026-04 Certifying Assessments to be Collected and Establishing Procedure for Collection be approved.

6. **Conflict of Interest Code.** Discussion and possible action to Adopt Resolution 2026-05 Reviewing the Conflict of Interest Code for 2026. Attorney Andy Pinasco presented this item. He explained that state law requires the District to review its Conflict of Interest Code every two years to determine whether any amendments are necessary. The Conflict of Interest Code identifies designated positions required to file Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700) and incorporates the provisions of the Political Reform Act, which provides guidance for identifying and evaluating potential conflicts of interest. Mr. Pinasco reported that staff reviewed the District's Conflict of Interest Code and determined that no revisions were necessary at this time. Mr. Pinasco recommended adoption of Resolution No. 2026-05 acknowledging the Board's review of the Code and confirming that no amendments are required. After discussion,

It was moved, seconded (D. MacDonnell/D. Lofstrom) and unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 that the Resolution 2026-05 Reviewing the Conflict of Interest Code for 2026 be adopted as presented and confirmed that no changes were necessary.

7. **Engineer's Report.** Discussion and Possible Action on Engineer's Report.
No engineer's Report was provided for this meeting.
8. **Superintendent Report.** Request for directions and approvals. Levee Superintendent Joe Bryson gave a written and oral report. In addition to the items listed in his report, he stated the cement slabs by the pump station that is north of the dumpster at the corner of Five Mile Slough and Fourteen Mile Slough are sliding down. The problem has been identified, the cement slabs will be removed and replaced with rock. He also gave an update on the vehicle recall problem and reported speaking with the manager at Big Valley Ford who informed Mr. Bryson that there have been no reports by vehicle owners related to the recall issue. For a complete list of items, please refer to Mr. Bryson's report attached hereto.
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.** No discussion.
12. **District Calendar.** Discussion and direction.
 - Next Board Meeting August 5, 2026.
 - All Trustees available for next meeting.
13. **Correspondence.** None of note.
14. **Approval of Bills.** District Secretary Elvia Trujillo presented an oral and written report on District expenses. Trustee MacDonnell reported having reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. 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 8:51 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

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JOE BRYSON

1. Levee patrol 00+ to 180+. Cleaned and checked pump station four times.
2. Police are doing a good job with the homeless, I only ran them off three times.
3. Ran three kids from the pump station. Told them I will call the police. They were trying to steal copper.
4. Had new brakes installed on the truck.
5. We took two large telephone polls out of Fourteen Mile Drive.
6. For the first time City of Stockton installed four signs on Kelly Drive gate, no fishing, no swimming.
7. We are now using a crack filler, asphalt, then blacktop. Seems to be working well.
8. The City of Stockton still has not repaired the hole at our gate, last house on Five Mile Drive.
9. We are using a pressure washer to remove the blacktop. We are finding cracks and holes, which we are filling. I had an old boat trailer we converted to a tank trailer.
10. We had to purchase brakes and two tires for the John Deere.
11. I have two men working on pressure washing, one man filling cracks, one man helping where needed.

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Amended Bills for Approval - July 1, 2026, Board Meeting

NAME	Date	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	TOTAL \$	WARRANT #	CHECK #	RATIFICATION
Michael Panzer	7/1/2026	Trustee Stipend	\$300.00				
				\$300.00	7025		
Dan MacDonnell	7/1/2026	Trustee Stipend	\$300.00				
				\$300.00	7026		
Dottie Lofstrom	7/1/2026	Trustee Stipend	\$300.00				
				\$300.00	7027		
Elvia Trujillo	7/1/2026	Secretary Fee	\$1,522.35				
(June Services)				\$1,522.35	7028		
Neumiller & Beardslee	46199	358904	\$1,916.00				
				\$1,916.00	7029		
Reclamation District 1608	7/1/2026		\$40,000.00				
Transfer to Checking Account				\$40,000.00	7030		
PG&E	6/25/2026	2999432760-8	\$38.43				
				\$38.43	7031		
The Home Depot	7/23/2026		\$3,752.60				
				\$3,752.60		Check #1655	X
State Compensation Insurance Fund	6/15/2026	1003630239	\$1,204.00	\$1,204.00		e-Check	
Bank of Stockton Visa	6/10/2026	4/28/26 - 5/28/26	\$6,562.20	\$6,562.20		Online	
Bank of Stockton Visa	6/23/2026		\$8,262.31	\$8,262.31		Online	
ADP, Inc. (payroll)	6/5/2026	723070802	\$91.26	\$91.26		Online	
ADP, Inc. (payroll)	6/19/2026	724106280	\$91.26	\$91.26		Online	
State of California Payroll Taxes		5/31/26 and 6/15/26 Payroll	\$1,272.20	\$1,272.20		Online	
Federal Government Payroll Taxes		5/31/26 and 6/15/26 Payroll	\$5,567.69	\$5,567.69		Online	

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