

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1600

Wednesday May 7, 2025 @ 3:00 pm
Bypass Farms, 14130 County Road 117, West Sacramento, CA

Trustees attending: Michele Clark, Ammy Reyes, Rebecca Yeung

Others attending: Tom Engler, District Engineer-MBK Engineers

Call to Order: Clark called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Discussion on the Upper Yolo Bypass Plan:

Engler discussed his April 15, 2025 memorandum following his review of Chapters 4 and 5 of the March 10, 2025 Upper Yolo Bypass Plan, highlighting his comment that an alternative that was not considered is a new levee just north of I-5 at the narrowest section of the District; such a levee would have the least impact to the District. Yeung explained in details the errors in the assumptions in the Economic Analysis referred to in the Plan. Clark described the memos she had prepared outlining features of the Plan as they relate to the District which included specific references to seepage and sedimentation. Reyes & Yeung both noted seepage is an issue now with the Big Notch Project and would be expected to increase under the preferred alternative of a new Setback Levee or changes to the Tule Canal.

The Trustees unanimously agreed the District could not support either of the two alternatives described in the Plan due to the impact on existing agriculture and the resultant decline in assessments under either alternative. Clark will draft a letter to the Planning Committee for the Plan detailing the District's position.

Yeung will reach out to Miranda Driver, new Executive Director of the Yolo County Farm Bureau, on the Plan. Consideration will also be given to meeting with Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguiar Curry.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Approved by Board of Trustees on June 19, 2025



Ammy Reyes, Secretary