



RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 2059

BRADFORD ISLAND

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 7, 2025
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Contra Costa County Fairgrounds & Event Park
Address: 1201 West 10th Street, Antioch, CA 94509

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Reclamation District No. 2059 Board of Trustees was called to order at 10:00 AM. A quorum was determined.

2. ROLL CALL

Trustees Present:

- Rob Davies, President
- William Hall
- Michael Craig

Trustees Absent:

- Kevin Finta
- Charles Louie

Staff/Consultants Present:

- Angelia H. Tant, District Manager/Secretary - taking the meeting minutes
- Blake Johnson, P.E., District Engineer

Landowners identified as present included Karen Cunningham, Shawnie Cunningham, Jamie Eddy, Brian Elliff, Larry White, Alex Webster, and Rick Wesson. Other participants attended by Zoom.

3. PROPOSITION 218 PUBLIC OUTREACH / SCI PRESENTATION

SCI representatives John Bliss, Tristen Foley, and Heather participated by Zoom to discuss Proposition 218. Mr. Bliss reviewed the Proposition 218 process, dates, upcoming events, ballot procedures, voting procedures, and the notice of the public hearing scheduled for November 4, 2025.

Mr. Bliss stated that on September 16 the Board approved the updated Engineer's Report and explained that the report was a required study for the Proposition 218 process and established the rates. He also reviewed the benefits of Proposition 218 and certain rates contained in the report.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

Shawnie Cunningham asked what the annual amount for her parcel would be. District Engineer Blake Johnson explained that code CV was currently included on the property tax bill and that the amount had been established many years earlier.

Ms. Cunningham asked how Bradford Island differed from other reclamation districts. Mr. Johnson responded that the ferry was a principal difference. Ms. Cunningham expressed concerns regarding the fairness of the process and stated that it appeared similar to a historical process that had not worked. Mr. Johnson discussed

the possibility of State involvement and stated that, in that circumstance, the State would maintain the levees but would not maintain the pump station, ferry, or ditches.

President Davies discussed Webb Tract's anticipated rice operations and stated that there had been discussion at a recent ferry meeting regarding Webb Tract paying more toward ferry costs during rice harvest. He also noted that other repairs were being conducted.

5. FERRY LANDING / STATE LANDS LEASE

Karen Cunningham asked who owned the land under the water at the ferry ramp. Discussion followed regarding oversight by the Army Corps and the County.

Landowner Brian Elliff stated that landowner Scott Diamond believed the ferry landing parcels had been created before 1920 and that the State owned the ferry landing parcels. Mr. Johnson stated that the California State Lands Commission has a lease with the District for use of the ferry landing.

District Manager Angelia H. Tant located the lease in the District's records during the meeting and read the three APN numbers: 027-010-002, 026-050-030, and 026-060-018. A request was made to forward the lease to Brian Elliff, Jamie Eddy, and Karen Cunningham.

6. FERRY COSTS, FLOOD CONTROL, AND FERRY PASSES

Larry White stated that the cost of operating the ferry remains the same regardless of how many times individual landowners ride the ferry.

Landowner Margaret Reed of Reed Leasing stated that she had reviewed the report and understood it to address flood control and maintenance. John Bliss explained that the District uses the ferry in connection with flood-control activities. Mr. Johnson discussed use of the ferry by contractors, inspectors, District staff, and for transporting riprap and other materials needed for flood protection.

Shawnie Cunningham stated that she believed the Board was not being truthful regarding the ferry. Trustee Michael Craig stated that the ad valorem roll would cover the ferry and that ferry passes would be provided.

Brian Elliff commented that larger property owners may have greater income-producing potential from larger parcels, using cattle operations as an example.

7. STATE TAKEOVER / SUBVENTIONS DISCUSSION

Discussion was held regarding prior information provided by the State concerning what could occur if the State assumed responsibility. District Engineer Johnson discussed the State's position concerning the Subventions Program.

Karen Cunningham requested a copy of the State takeover meeting minutes. District Manager Tant emailed the requested minutes during the meeting. Brian Elliff stated that the State would not fund the ferry and that the District would lose the 75% reimbursement associated with Subventions.

Margaret Reed also requested the State takeover meeting minutes. John Bliss reviewed the mailing address on file for Ms. Reed's ballot after she stated that she had not yet received it, and Ms. Reed confirmed that the address read aloud was correct.

8. DISTRICT MANAGER'S FUNDING AND PROPOSITION 218 SUMMARY

District Manager Tant outlined the following points:

- DWR is billed for ferry tickets when Subventions-eligible maintenance is conducted.
- The Proposition 218 assessment is not solely intended to fund the ferry; the funding is intended for maintenance on the island. A portion could potentially be used for the flood-control component of ferry costs. It was stated that the ad valorem tax roll would generally cover the majority of ferry costs and that, if ferry costs exceeded normal amounts, the District could potentially cover a difference from Proposition 218 revenues.
- If the State were to take over, costs could be significantly higher. The District Manager stated that the District would not be eligible for State funding such as Subventions or grants and that the loss of such funding could ultimately increase costs borne by landowners.

- It was stated that the State would not maintain the ferry, ditches, or pump station, and those facilities would still need to be funded by landowners. Mr. Johnson had obtained an estimate for ditch cleaning.
- The District was following the legal Proposition 218 process.

9. PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE AND OUTREACH PROCESS

The following outreach and procedural steps were identified during the meeting:

- A Proposition 218 public meeting was held, and an agenda and Engineer's Report were emailed to landowners on the agenda distribution list.
- The agenda and Engineer's Report were posted on the District's website.
- A multi-page Proposition 218 newsletter was prepared, emailed to landowners, posted on the District's website, and mailed to landowners who were not on the agenda email list.
- A ballot was sent with an informational page explaining the Proposition 218 process.
- The October 7, 2025 meeting was held as part of the process.
- An additional meeting for public comments was upcoming.

10. SHARED STAFF / DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION

Shawnie Cunningham asked about sharing staff and maintenance resources with other districts. Mr. Johnson responded that the District had looked into the issue. District Manager Tant noted that LAFCO issues an MSR report concerning district consolidation or merger matters.

11. DITCH CLEANING / VEGETATION AND MAINTENANCE

Karen Cunningham asked why the District could not hire someone with an excavator to perform ditch cleaning rather than proceeding with a large bid. District Manager Tant stated that historically the District's Levee Superintendent had rented an excavator and cleaned the ditches in-house.

Ms. Cunningham also asked whether the Proposition 218 assessment could include a sunset provision. Mr. Johnson responded that the Board could vote to reduce the tax roll if the money was not required.

12. LANDOWNER COLLABORATION / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Rick Wesson requested that the District facilitate opportunities for landowners to collaborate, rent equipment, and perform work on the island. President Davies noted that Mr. Wesson had arrived later in the meeting and stated that earlier discussion had included adding an agenda item for further discussion of matters that were not on the current agenda.

13. ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT AND RECORDS QUESTIONS

John Bliss stated that the Proposition 218 assessment would be in addition to other tax rolls or funding received by the District.

Rick Wesson asked what years of meeting minutes were available on the District website. The response given was that minutes from 2020 to the current period were available and that other meeting minutes of interest could be requested through a public records request.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 PM.

Prepared by: Angelia H. Tant, District Manager/Secretary

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Date