

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Solano  
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500

Fairfield, CA 94533

**From:** (Public Agency): Lead CEQA Agency

Reclamation District No. 1607

4301 Inverness Drive Pittsburg, CA 94565

(Address)

Project Title: Reclamation District No. 1607, Van Sickle Island 2025 Emergency Levee Repair

Project Applicant: Reclamation District No. 1607, Van Sickle Island, 4301 Inverness Drive Pittsburg, CA 94565, 925-698-9252

Project Location - Specific:

Levee around Van Sickle Island along Montezuma Slough, Honker Bay, Spoonbill Creek, Sacramento River, and Roaring River.

Project Location - City: Suisun City Project Location - County: Solano County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Emergency repair of existing flood control feature; levee system protects property and inhabitants within District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Reclamation District No. 1607

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Reclamation District No. 1607

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☒ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

An existing structure, levee, was damaged by highwater events in January. The District, county, state, and federal government all declared an emergency. Repairs to mitigate damage caused by the emergency.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Chris Lanzafame

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 925-698-9252

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes ☐ No ☒

Signature:  Date: 01/24/2024 Title: District Engineer

Signed by ☒ Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Certification of Emergency Resolutions 2024-10, 2024-11** **Meeting of the Van Sickle Island Board of Trustees**

**Monday December 16, 2024 at 4:00pm**  
**at the District Office at 4301 Inverness Drive Pittsburg, CA 94565**  
**along with an online component**

### **EMERGENCY RESOLUTION No. 2024-10** **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO.** **1607**

#### **DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO FLOOD AND WEATHER** **CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, since December 14, 2024 the Sacramento River has experienced high water levels resulting from heavy rainfalls, runoff, and high winds, creating flooding and levee damage within Reclamation District No. 1607's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, these conditions created an immediate risk that severely impairs public health and safety, consistent with the emergency declaration requirements of the Government Code and the Public Contracting Code; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with the district staff and engineers the district finds and declares on December 16, 2024 that an emergency situation exists, and immediate action is required to respond to these conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Trustees of the Reclamation District No. 1607, as follows:

1. As of December 14, an emergency situation exists within the district, due to on-going flooding and flood damage, and a forecast of further precipitation which will compound the existing flood conditions. The public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health, and property to respond to this emergency.
2. The district's engineer is authorized to take immediate action to repair or replace public facilities, to take any directly related and immediate action required by that emergency, and to procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for those purposes, without giving notice for bids to let contracts. The district engineer shall take these actions in consultation with District Trustees.
3. Pursuant to Public Contracting Code 20926, the district shall expend any sum reasonably required to respond to this emergency. District personnel will, if practicable, informally solicit bids or requests for proposals to seek to obtain the best terms possible, including the lowest price term, given the urgent circumstances of the emergency, and, promptly after the emergency ends, shall document the circumstances of the emergency and the bid or proposal accepted.

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4. The district will make an attempt to reach out to the Department of Water Resources, CalOES, Solano County OES and any other regulatory agency to help inform and to secure a source of funding to take any necessary action to the secure the levees.

5. This emergency declaration will be revisited by the Board of Trustees at the earlier of its next regularly scheduled meeting, or within 7 days of this declaration.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 1607 Trustees this December 16, 2024, by the following vote: Moved: Confetti/Second Linscheid

AYES: Dinelli, Confetti, Pinkston, Linscheid, Thomas

ABSENT: none

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

## **RESOLUTION No. 2024-11**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1607 SETTING PRIORITIES FOR DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, in the event any or all Trustees of the Reclamation District are not available, and an emergency action requires that authority be exercised, there is a need to establish a chain of command for such emergency decision making authority;

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Public Contract Code section 20926 and section 22050, Reclamation District No. 1607 may take action to negotiate and award a contract for construction of work to prevent damage or repair damaged works, and procure necessary equipment, services, and supplies, without advertising for bids and expend any sum reasonably required in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, such action either requires a 2/3 vote of the Board of Trustees, and/or such authority may be delegated to an appropriate person or persons;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to delegate such authority as set forth in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1607 AS FOLLOWS:

1. In the unavailability either in person or telephone of a majority of the Board of Trustees, emergency decision-making authority relative to emergencies may be exercised by the following persons in the order of priority listed.



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- a. The President of the Board of Trustees;
- b. Any single Trustee;
- c. Engineers for the District, who are presently MBK Engineers:

Name: Michael Moncrief

Day Phone: (916) 456-4400

Mobile Phone: (916) 761-1281

- d. Manager/Secretary Name: Chris Lanzafame

Cell Phone (925) 698-9252

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- 2. Such emergency decision-making authority includes the following powers:

a. In case of emergency, the person designated above as the emergency decision-maker may negotiate and award a contract for construction of work to prevent damage or repair damaged works, and procure necessary equipment, services, and supplies, and take any directly related and immediate action required by that emergency, without advertising for bids, and expend any sum reasonably necessary to cure the emergency.

b. The emergency decision-maker shall, if practicable, informally solicit bids or request for proposals to seek to obtain the best terms possible, including the lowest price term, given the urgent circumstances of the emergency, and, promptly after the emergency ends, shall document the circumstances of the emergency and the bid or proposal accepted.

c. The emergency decision-maker shall report to the Board of Trustees the reasons justifying why the emergency did not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids and why the action was necessary to respond to the emergency. Such report shall be made at the next regular meeting of the district, if such meeting occurs within 14 days of the emergency, or if no such meeting will occur within 14 days, the decision-maker shall call a special meeting of the Board of Trustees within 7 days after the emergency, and make such report at that time, and, for this purpose only, shall have the power to call such meeting.

3. For the purpose of this Resolution, "emergency" is defined as an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare or an imminent threat to the flood control or drainage facilities of Reclamation District No. 1607, or an imminent threat of flooding of Reclamation District 1607, and action is necessary to respond to such threat, and the imminence of such is that it will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation of bids.

4. All previous resolutions relating to the subject of this resolution are repealed.

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**Moved: Confetti Second: Pinkston**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of December, 2024, by the following vote, TO  
WIT:**

**AYES: Dinelli, Linscheid, Pinkston, Confetti, Thomas**

**NOES: none. Abstain: none**

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Mr. Thomas reported on his recent conversation with Derick Earl of CalOES regarding our FEMA claim and what the status of it was. He said that Mr. Earl was going to reach out to find out when we could expect to get a decision on whether our project would be obligated. An approval would have to come from Congress and Mr. Earl would look into that issue and get back to Mr. Thomas. Mr. Earl also explained to Mr. Thomas that we could use the money that has been sent to us for debris removal for levee repairs now as long as we spent the allocated amount later for debris removal with our own money Mr. Thomas also warned that before 18 months is up, we need to file an extension on our project. Mr. Lanzafame made a call to Mr. Moncrief at MBK to discuss the extension request and Mr. Moncrief was told that we couldn't ask for an extension until our project was obligated. It was decided that Secretary Lanzafame and the engineer should look into the request rules right away to determine whether an extension needed to be filed. Mr. Lanzafame reported that Dutra would be giving us 3000 tons of material and 600 tons of rock in the near future to help seal our breaks.

At 4:41 Mr. Dinelli called the meeting to be adjourned and it was seconded by Pinkston and all of the board members vote Aye.

## **Certification of Resolution 2024-10 and 2024-11 Reclamation District No. 1607**

**VAN SICKLE ISLAND-SOLANO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

I, Chris Lanzafame, Secretary of Reclamation District No 1607 hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No 1607 on December 16, 2024.

**AYES: Dinelli, Thomas, Linscheid, Pinkston, Confetti**

**ABSENT: none**

Chris Lanzafame, 

Signed December 18, 2024

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**4301 Inverness Drive Pittsburg, CA 94565 District cell: 925-698-9252**

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