

## **MEMORANDUM**

February 28, 2024

**TO:** Reclamation District No. 2028

**FROM:** Nathan Hershey, Brian Janowiak

**SUBJECT:** February 2024 Engineer's Report

Described below are the engineering items to be discussed at your February 28, 2024 meeting.

**Subventions 2022-23** – The District submitted an application for participation in the Program in the amount of \$541,000. A total of \$12.5 million has been approved by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board for the Program for FY 2022-23. A final claim was submitted in the amount of \$325,967.61.

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**Subventions 2024-25** – Applications for the Program are due April 1. Subject to Board approval, our intent is to submit an application similar to the submittal for the prior fiscal year.

**Future Subventions Funding** – DWR has indicated that funding has not been secured yet for fiscal years 2025-26 and beyond. Delta advocates, including the California Central Valley Flood Control Association and others, are considering ways to increase awareness and gain support for securing funding for this highly successful and vital program. We have prepared a draft funding request letter for the RD to consider and possibly submit to state legislators.

**Annual Maintenance** – Attached are the current maintenance items we are tracking. Updated drone footage of the levees is available on the RD's YouTube channel and a link was distributed via email.

**FEMA** – The District claim is currently under review at FEMA. MBK will continue to check in with FEMA personnel regarding status updates. The total claim amount is \$52,398.36.

**Special Projects** – The enhancement component of the Old River multi-benefit levee rehabilitation project (BN-15-1-SP) is in-progress. Maintenance activities will be on-going to promote plant health and longevity.

Year two construction for Teichert may begin as early as May 1, 2024. However, dewatering pumping in the borrow sites may begin prior to that date, pending environmental restrictions. PG&E has indicated that the overhead utility line relocation construction drawings are complete and being reviewed. MBK has requested a copy of the plans as soon as they are available.

SB 88 – All Phase 4 meters have been installed and certified by MBK Engineers. Data is currently being collected at 37 sites across all four islands. MBK will continue to monitor all sites monthly during the winter season and weekly during the irrigation season via Wildeye's website. All Wildeye units are currently working with the exception of Bouldin Island Siphon No. 30, which was damaged by driftwood (equipment

will be reinstalled when Phase 5 installations occur at nearby siphons). All meters are currently working, with the exception of Bouldin Island Siphon No. 2, which stopped functioning due to water damage (a new complimentary meter was provided by Technoflo and will be replaced during the Phase 5 installation). MBK was made aware that strong winds have displaced some Wildeye unit solar panels across the islands. A review of battery levels on Wildeye's website did not give indication of solar panel state, therefore MBK has coordinated with MWD, who will execute a visual inspection of the sites.

All Phase 5 flow meters were delivered and inventoried January 4<sup>th</sup> on Bacon Island. MWD is preparing a bid package and will be requesting bids in March for meter installations. The Phase 5 telemetry equipment has been purchased, and will be delivered at the time of installation, following flow meter installations at each site.

MBK prepared and submitted an updated Request for extensions of time for each island for measurement compliance through December 31, 2025, and received approval from the Delta Watermaster on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Therefore, MWD's and the RDs' water rights are in measurement compliance under an approved extension of time until the equipment installations and certifications are completed.

MBK prepared Water Year 2023 annual water right reports consistent with prior years, using a hybrid approach that included flow meter data when it was available and OpenET data when it was not. MWD reviewed and submitted the reports by the February 1, 2024 deadline.

MBK and MWD continue to participate in the Delta Consortium. The February 8<sup>th</sup> Consortium meeting focused on preliminary design of diversion and related consumptive use correlation research projects, including a presentation by MWD and MBK on their preliminary OpenET vs Siphon Diversion analysis. MBK will continue to support these efforts by preparing a summary technical report, and providing data and analysis as needed.

## **RD 2028 - Bacon Island**

Issue Tracking Summary February 23, 2024

Issue ID	Priority	Report Date	Reporter	Location	Issue Type	Description	Action	Field Notes
006	Medium	October 20, 2016 4:00 PM	RalphHeringer	Station 275 @ Pump Station	Broken Equipment	Trash racks in need of maintenance/repair	Investigate	TBD
036	Low	February 23, 2017 4:00 PM	Nate Hershey	Station 712	Seepage	Seepage exiting at toe of slope near retaining wall structure.	Monitor	12/4/17 - Area dried up after winter; continue to monitor
043	Medium	April 3, 2017 4:00 PM	Brian Janowiak	Station 92-93	Seepage	Seepage existing at toe of slope, running across county road		
073	Medium	October 20, 2016 4:00 PM	RalphHeringer	Station 465 @ Pump Station	Broken Equipment	Trash racks in need of maintenance/repair	Investigate	TBD
101	Medium	September 17, 2020 3:25 PM	Nate Hershey	Station 704	Erosion	Field verified erosion site detected by drone footage. Site is approximately 100 feet long, adjacent to willows and vegetation is covering steep slopes.	Repair	
101.1		January 8, 2021 12:00 AM	Nate Hershey					Site is in future Special Projects work area. Recommend monitoring and repairing during levee rehabilitation project.
102	Medium	May 5, 2021 10:13 AM	Dave Forkel	Sta 107+19	Erosion	Erosion at toe of levee at siphon discharge.	Repair	Dino and Son to fill erosion site
103	Medium	May 5, 2021 10:22 AM	Dave Forkel	Sta 175+15	Erosion	Erosion at toe of levee at siphon discharge.	Repair	Dino and Son to fill erosion site
104	Low	May 5, 2021 10:23 AM	Dave Forkel	Junior's House	Sloughing	Rock placed at waterside of new fill settling.	Monitor	
106	Medium	November 4, 2021 3:43 PM	Dave Forkel	Sta 170+00	Seepage	Seepage at toe of levee.	Monitor	
107	Medium	December 15, 2022 3:44 PM	Dave Forkel	Sta 704+00	Erosion	Levee experienced minor waterside erosion during last weeks storm.	Repair	District forces to repair.
108	Medium	January 10, 2023 9:33 AM	Michael Nishimura	13+50 waterside hinge on road	Sinkhole, Other	6" diameter sink hole on ws road hinge. Probed for 5' deep going towards the water. Identical size hole on landside road hinge just across crown, probed about 2.5' into levee crest. The landside has multiple animal burrows 7" to 1' diameter in size. Probed 5' feet into levee towards levee center. Ground	Repair	

						is very soft on landside slope		
						and steep. Approximately		
						1.5:1 to 2:1 slope. There is a		
						bulge at the lower landside		
						toe. It appears either a low		
						spot is ponding or potential		
						seepage is occurring on the		
						landside toe for		
						approximately 150' adjacent		
						to rodent activity and		
						sinkholes.		
						Potential sheet flow Seepage		
		January 10,	Michael			at landside toe. Adjective to		
109	Medium	2023 10:02	Nishimura	13+50 landside toe	Seepage	levee with several large	Monitor	
		AM	Nisiliila			rodent holes. Approximately		
						150-200' total site length.		
						Sloughing of ws slope. In the		
						adjacent areas the slope is		
						steep as well and it starts		
						right at the water side hinge.		
		January 10,	Michael		Erosion,	This sloughing is occurring in		
111	Medium	2023 10:42	Nishimura	98+90 to	Sloughing	a thick patch of ws slope and	Monitor	
		AM				is still approximately in the		
						same condition as it's		
						adjacent slopes. Grading		
						could help further damage		
						from surface runoff.		
		January 10				Erosion and sloughing 75' on waterside slope. Scarping		
113	Medium	January 10, 2023 11:10	Michael	203+50 to 204+25	Erosion,	mid slope. Likely caused by	Monitor	
113	Medium	AM	Nishimura	waterside slope	Sloughing	oversteepened slope and	MOTITO	
		Airi				surface run off.		
						Erosion on waterside slope.		
						Top of erosion is at mid		
						slope. Water side slope is		
		January 10,		666 15 . 666 00		approximately 8' slope		
114	Medium	2023 11:57	Michael	666+15 to 666+90	Erosion,	distance from waterside	Monitor	
		AM	Nishimura	waterside slope	Sloughing	hinge to waters edge. 75'		
						length. Rodent holes		
						observed on waterside		
						hinge/slope		
						Erosion and sloughing broken		
						up sites within stations listed		
						above. Gaps are		
						approximately 10-20' before		
		January 10,				erosion picks up again.		
115	Medium	2023 12:15	Michael	671+10 to 674+50	Erosion,	Cracks and rodent holes	Monitor	
		PM	Nishimura		Sloughing	observed on waterside hinge.		
						Water side slope is very soft.		
						(Approximately 275 feet total		
						erosion is estimated to be within stationing provided		
						above)		
		January 10						
116	Medium	January 10, 2023 12:33	Michael	681+80 to 685+10	Erosion,	Vertical erosion, sloughing and waterside hinge	Monitor	
110	Mediuiii	PM	Nishimura	001+00 (0 003+10	Sloughing	cracking. The majority of this	MOULTO	
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		May 31,				section has a steepened waterside slope. Cracking is on the waterside hinge and the slope is sloughing into the water. Rodent holes observed on the ws hinge. Mel reported crack and		
119	Low	2023 5:38 PM	Dave Forkel	Sta 756+00	Crack	sloughing of riprap just south of bridge.	Monitor	Not much obvious sloughing.
120	High	February 15, 2024 11:00 AM	Dave Forkel	Sta 733+00	Boil	Boil in toe ditch	Investigate	
120.1		February 22, 2024 12:00 AM	Nate Hershey					Investigations indicate the water is coming from the field side. A trench was excavated in the field, and the direction of flow was coming from the field (flowing west to east).  Recommend sandbagging around the boil to manage the pressure. When conditions permit, next steps are to excavate an exploratory trench east of the toe ditch to see if there is flow is coming through the levee. If so, an exploratory trench in the levee crown is recommended.