SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF

THE BETHEL ISLAND MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BETHEL ISLAND, CALIFORNIA

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DATE: APRIL 7, 2025

The Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District met in special session located at Delta Coves Island Camp, 130 West Wind Place, Bethel Island, CA at 6:00 p.m. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: Directors: Tom Knorr, Jr., Anthony Berzinas, Bruce Smith, Vignesh Rama and Lisa Kirk. District Manager Regina Espinoza, Mr. Mark Fortner and Mr. Mike Mirmazaheri from GEI Consultants, Mr. John Bliss, Mr. Triston Foley, Ms. Jackie Sullivan from SCI Consulting Group were also in attendance.

2. BOARD DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL APPEARANCES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Directors Knorr, Jr., Berzinas, Kirk, Rama, Smith had no conflicts of interest.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. OVERVIEW AND PRESENTATIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENHANCED LEVEE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS AND LONG TERM MAJOR LEVEE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

4A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY BOARD PRESIDENT

President Knorr, Jr. welcomed everyone and turned the meeting over to District Manager Espinoza.

4B. OVERVIEW OF BIMID’S CURRENT FINANCIAL CONDITION AND ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCE NEEDED TO FULFILL ITS MISSION

District Manager Espinoza gave a brief history of BIMID along with a short overview of the financial condition of the District and the potential remedies to provide the District with a more stable future. The current Assessment District has increased the District’s ability to enhance and rehabilitate the District’s levee with special opportunities to cost share with the State and other agencies for the last ten years. This funding was only to be used for capital improvement projects. The District would like to continue with the ability to be able to cost share major levee improvements. The funds from the Assessment District are required by law to be accounted for, tracked and audited separately from the general account.

District Manager Espinoza explained BIMID is moving forward with an election for renewal of the BIMID Levee and Flood Control Facilities Maintenance and Repair Assessment District. Property owners on Bethel Island have been paying an assessment for 10 years on the property tax roll that has funded large flood control projects as well as enhanced levee maintenance on the island. Over the last 10 years $1.4 million in the assessment has been leveraged to generate $17 million in state and federal funding for Bethel Island. Without the renewal of the flood control assessment, capital projects cannot be undertaken, and state funding cannot be obtained. Ballots will be mailed on April 18th to property owners. A majority of property owners returning their ballot must vote yes by June 12th for the renewal assessment to pass.

SUMMARY OF LEVEE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM HISTORY, CURRENT AND FUTURE MAINTENANCE ENHANCEMENT AND MAJOR LEVEE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING NEEDED FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT

District Engineer Mark Fortner briefly reviewed the various maintenance activities (both levee and drainage related) that the District is responsible for. He reviewed eligible Subventions maintenance activities and explained the reimbursement percentage of the DWR Subventions Program.

District Engineer Fortner also provided a brief overview of the District’s current and upcoming levee projects; including the HMP Project and the Horseshoe Bend Project and the associated cost shares for each of the projects. He reviewed the District’s past subventions expenditures and reimbursements and the District’s past special projects expenditures.

District Engineer Fortner explained the various levee standards that are used when looking at levees in the Delta. Additionally, he reviewed the Weak Links map which identifies critical areas around the Bethel Island levee. This map will be updated soon as the Board recently voted to have a new topographic map done of the island.

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PURPOSE, METHODOLOGY AND APPROACH AND INTENDED REVENUE ENHANCEMENT OUTCOME – AS PRESENTED BY SCI’S JOHN BLISS

Mr. John Bliss briefly reviewed the proposed Assessment in general and provided an overview of how each individual assessment was calculated. The ballots will be mailed out on April 18, 2025. Ballots will need to be returned by or on June 12, 2025 for the ballots to be opened and counted at a special hearing during the Regular Meeting. The proposed assessment would remain the same with a maximum of 3% CPI (Consumer Price Index) increase once a year. If the Assessment passes, when the funds are received from the County, they would immediately be put into a separate bank account and be only used for the maintenance and improvement as stated in the Assessment District Engineer’s Report.

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

A member of the audience asked what will happen if the assessment district doesn’t pass.

District Manager Espinoza stated all the funds that were collected in the previous assessment district were used for BIMID’s cost share on projects. If the assessment district doesn’t pass, BIMID will not be able to have the cost share for major projects through the State or Federal grants.

There were further explanations of the previous assessment district.

Mr. John Bliss explained all the districts in the delta apply for these grants from the State that it is so important to the health and safety of these islands and the water quality of the delta for them to be maintained.

Mr. John Bliss stated their office is available to answer questions on how the tax is calculated for different types of property, whether that it is residential, business or farmland.

The Board thanked the members of the public for their interest in the assessment district.

A motion was made by Director Smith and seconded by Director Kirk to adjourn the meeting. The vote showed five directors in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Submitted by Denece Bixby, District Clerk