

**PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

September 20, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Patterson Irrigation District met in its office at 948 Orange Avenue, Patterson, California for a regular monthly Board meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by President John Azevedo.

Directors Present: John Azevedo, David Reichmuth, David Fantozzi, Richard Barbaste, Steve Prevostini

Directors Absent:

Others Present:	Vince Lucchesi	General Manager
	Toni Russell	Secretary/Treasurer
	Steve Trinta	Operations & Maintenance Supervisor
	Jeanne Zolezzi	Legal Counsel/Via Conference Call
	Rick Scheuber	Landowner
	John Hansen	Landowner

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the August 17, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board.

Director Barbaste made a motion to approve the August 17, 2017 minutes as received. Second by Director Reichmuth and passed unanimously.

Director Barbaste noted an error in the August 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Workshop minutes. General Manager Lucchesi stated corrections would be made to the minutes and would be moved to the next board meeting for approval.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Secretary/Treasurer Russell submitted a report to the Board on bank accounts and fund balances the District holds in investment accounts. The report also included an accounts receivable aging summary report and a detailed list of expenses and cash disbursements in August 2017 for Board review.

Russell also presented the 2017 budget vs actual report as of August 31, 2017.

Director Prevostini made a motion to approve the Financial Report for August 2017. The motion was seconded by Director Reichmuth and passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER PARTICIPATION WITH DEL PUERTO WEATER DISTRICT, WEST STANISLAUS IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT IN COST SHARE FOR THE PHASE 2A TASK 1 PRELIMINARY ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT FOR THE DEL PUERTO CANYON RESERVOIR PROJECT:**

General Manager Lucchesi gave a brief update on the history of the DPCR, an off stream storage facility off Del Puerto Creek similar to San Luis Reservoir. DPWD is researching a new storage facility that would benefit local agencies, DPWD, WSID, PID, and CCID, to create an ability to store water in wet years. It would be a storage facility that is shared by the districts, eliminating Bureau control, such as SLR, eliminating risk of spilling stored water, and added costs imposed by the Bureau.

DPWD currently is looking for interested participants to cost-share in the feasibility analysis for the Project. Lucchesi stated his interest in the project is to have PID's water reliance in dry years out of the CVP, also allowing PID the security of a stored water supply without the worry of spill.

Lucchesi requested approval for PID to participate at the feasibility level to see if the project would be economically feasible for the district. The cost for the feasibility study is estimated to be \$52,000, PID's portion of the cost would be \$12,000.

Following a thorough discussion Director Prevostini made a motion approve district participation in the feasibility study for the DPCR, and approve PID's cost-share of the study in the amount of \$12,000. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER EXECUTING AGREEMENT WITH FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY FOR THE WHEELING OF UP TO 29,000 AF OF RESTORATION WATER THROUGH PID FACILITIES AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR THE TEMPORARY DIVERSION OF RESTORATION FLOWS FROM THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER:**

The Board reviewed a Draft Agreement for Conveyance of San Joaquin Restoration Flows, between Patterson Irrigation District (PID) and Friant Water Authority (Friant). The terms of the agreement would be from the first day written through February 28, 2018, PID would convey up to 29,000 acre-feet of SJRRF for the benefit of Friant from the San Joaquin River to the DMC. Friant shall make payment to PID \$100 acre-foot of water conveyed to the DMC. PID would be required to enter into an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation for the temporary diversion of Restoration Flows from the SJR.

Following a thorough discussion Director Fantozzi made a motion to accept the terms of the conveyance agreement between Patterson Irrigation District and Friant Water Authority. Included in the motion Director Fantozzi directed staff to execute the agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation for temporary diversion of Restoration Flows. Seconded by Director Barbaste and passed unanimously.

**DIRECTORS BRIEFING:**

None

## **WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Operations and Maintenance Supervisor, Steve Trinta gave an oral report on maintenance activities in the district. A written report was included in the board packet and included grower incident reports addressed by district staff.

## **MANAGER'S BRIEFING:**

General Manager Lucchesi reported on his current activities and projects: A written report was included in the board packets for review.

## **CALIFORNIA WATERFIX INFORMATIONAL REPORT:**

General Manager Lucchesi reported he and Director Prevostini had met with John Rubin of the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority and had a discussion about participation in the CWF. Lucchesi reported on the state side DWR is participating in the project and whoever is a State Water Contractor is stuck and they have to pay to participate in the Project. However, the Bureau took the participation approach, and stated any CVP Contractor who wanted to participate would be the ones paying for the project. Lucchesi went on to report, he had received a press release on September 19, 2017, Westlands Water District, who would have been responsible for 25% of the cost of the project, had decided not to participate. After WWD's decision not to participate had the effect of every other CVP contractor saying no to the project. Lucchesi stated it was his recommendation to the Board for PID not to participate in the CWF, a subsequent Board meeting, action will be taken.

## **KAHN, SOARES, AND CONWAY UPDATE:**

A report was included in the board packet on current legislation effecting water and agriculture for August.

**SGMA UPDATE:** Lucchesi reported he had been appointed to a technical committee to review consultants to do PID's GSP. Lucchesi stated he had a letter to sign to support the application for Prop 1 funding, the district had already approved and paid for.

## **ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS REPORT:**

A written report was included in the Board packet regarding administration, operations, and construction activities.

Lucchesi reported, on August 23, 2017 Santa Clara Water District informed PID they would not be taking delivery of transfer water made available by PID in 2017. Lucchesi stated, since PID made the transfer water available, PID complied with their agreement and are only subject to the transfer allocations for 2018 and 2019 for the balance due SCVWD.

Lucchesi stated he had been in communication with Del Puerto Water District to inquire if they would interested in purchasing some or all of available settlement water from the District.

Del Puerto and Sperry Avenue Intersection: Reviewed plans and specifications provided by Patterson, project went out to bid September 11.

Main Canal Rehabilitation: Stanislaus County is reviewing encroachment permit applications and also developing pipeline maintenance agreement for the crossings. Staff met with Provost & Prichard to discuss construction management services. Staff also sent plans and specs to Dahl to review and provide a proposal for construction management services. Met with Stantec to go over construction easement's and construction management services. Lucchesi met with Legal Counsel to go over easements and draft up construction easement agreements.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 3:35 p.m. to discuss the items below:

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
(Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9)  
1 potential case
- b. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
(Government Code Section 54957)  
Position: Previous General Manager
- c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS  
(Government Code Section 54956.8)  
Properties: APN 048-003-041, 048-007-028, 048-007-002  
Negotiators: Vince Lucchesi, General Manager  
Negotiating Parties: To be determined  
Under Negotiation: Instruction to negotiator concerning price/payment terms
- d. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERLTY NEGOTIATORS  
(Government Code Section 54956.8)  
Property: Water Transfer  
Agency Negotiator: Vince Lucchesi, General Manager  
Negotiating Parties: Del Puerto Water District  
Under Negotiation: Instruction to negotiator concerning price/payment terms

Director Fantozzi excused himself from Closed Session at 3:50 p.m. for possible conflict of interest.

The Board returned to open session at 4:04 p.m. President Azevedo reported on actions taken on Closed Session items:

17 b. The board approved the previous General Manager to keep the check issued to him at hire in the amount of \$5,000 for expenses incurred to relocate to the Patterson area in exchange for consulting services extended to President Azevedo and staff during the transition period of hiring PID's current GM.

Motion Made by Director Fantozzi and seconded by Director Barbaste and passed unanimously.

17 d. The Board approved the sale of 2,500 acre-feet of Settlement water to Del Puerto Water District for the amount of \$50 acre-foot net to the District.

Motion made by Director Fantozzi, seconded by Director Reichmuth and passed unanimously.

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Toni Russell – Board Secretary

