

**PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

November 15, 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 1:00 p.m. by President John Azevedo.

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

Directors Absent: None

Others Present: Vince Lucchesi General Manager
Toni Russell Secretary/Treasurer
Jeanne Zolezzi Legal Counsel
Erick Johnson The Water Agency, Inc.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

At the commencement of the Board meeting, the public was not in attendance and no comments were provided. However, at 2:06 p.m. the meeting was re-opened for Public Comment. Erick Johnson of the Water Agency commented on the upcoming water year and potential water sales to consider.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 18, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board.

Director Prevostini made a motion to approve October 18, 2017 minutes as received. Second by Director Reichmuth and passed unanimously.

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 cash disbursements in October 2017 for Board review.

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

Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve the Financial Report for October 2017. The motion was seconded by Director Barbaste and passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RETAINING LABOR CONSULTANTS OF CALIFORNIA FOR LABOR COMPLIANCE SERVICES DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF SCHEDULE A IMPROVEMENTS OF THE MAIN CANAL REHABILITATION PROJECT:

General Manager Lucchesi reported, under the contract between the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Patterson Irrigation District (PID) for Prop 1 Grant Funding, PID is required to insure prevailing wage compliance. Lucchesi stated he had contacted Labor Consultants of California to review and monitor the certified payroll submitted by Contractors to insure wages are being paid under the correct category for this region and being paid the correct hourly rate and benefits that are required under state law. The fees for consulting services are \$85 per hour not to exceed 30 hours per month for the duration of the project.

Director Barbaste made a motion to retain Labor Consultants of California for labor compliance services during construction of Schedule A Improvements of the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project. Second by Director Reichmuth and passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 7-2017 TO SWITCH BOARD ELECTIONS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE EVEN YEAR GENERAL ELECTIONS:

Resolution 07-2017 of the Patterson Irrigation District amends its by-laws to shift elections to even years to coincide with the General Election. The new election date for Divisions 3 and 5 will be moved to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018, and the election date for Divisions 1, 2, and 4 will be moved to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2020.

Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve Resolution 07-2017 and direct staff to send the resolution to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors for consideration. Second by Director Barbaste and passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA WATERFIX:

Lucchesi reported, following several discussions from previous meetings, it was the recommendation of staff for PID not to participate in the California Waterfix.

Director Fantozzi made a motion to have staff send a letter to Jason Peltier, San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority, stating PID's intention not to participate in the California Waterfix program. Second by Director Prevostini and passed unanimously.

COST OF LIVING AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW:

Lucchesi provided a summary of the past year and mentioned that this time in previous years, GM's recommended cost of living adjustments and performance based bonus's. Due to the uncertainty of the upcoming water year, Lucchesi stated he would like to wait until the February meeting to determine a recommendation on any wage increases.

Lucchesi reported, during 2017 the District operated minus three (3) employees for field operations, as a result all field staff stepped up and worked very hard to accomplish what needed to be done in the District. Supervisors had to step up and help with the transition of a new General Manager in July after going through the same process only a year ago. Having a solid crew and staff in place is essential to keeping the District functioning at its best. Based on

performance reviews, staff recommended an up to 2% year-end bonus based upon 2017 annual wages for employees.

Director Reichmuth made a motion for staff to provide year-end bonuses to employees, based on performance evaluations. Second provided by Director Barbaste and passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 2:45 p.m. to discuss the items below:

- a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERLTY NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: Water
Agency Negotiator: Vince Lucchesi, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: Unknown
Under Negotiation: Instruction to negotiator concerning price/payment terms

- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9)
1 potential case

The Board returned to open session at 2:51 p.m. President Azevedo reported there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

DIRECTORS BRIEFING:

None

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

A written report was included in the board packet on recent activities and maintenance in the District.

MANAGER'S BRIEFING:

General Manager Lucchesi reported on his current activities and projects

STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION:

Lucchesi discussed starting a program for the district, after every election year in January, having a strategic planning session, and also have a PID legal counsel bring the Board up to date on the Brown Act, Conflict of Interest, or any changes in the law that effect decisions made by the board for the district.

DISCUSSION ON REVISIONS TO DISTRICT RULES AND REGS:

Lucchesi discussed several proposed changes to the district current rules and regulations which included enforcement of irrigation rules and regulations, accounts receivable payment policy,

and imposing fines for non-compliance of the rules and regulations. Lucchesi stated PID legal counsel reviewed the current rules and regulations and had made comments and changes for board review. After the meeting, Legal Counsel will do a final review and incorporate any final adjustments on the rules and regs. Once comments are incorporated, it is proposed that the Board adopt the revisions at its December Board Meeting.

KAHN, SOARES, AND CONWAY UPDATE:

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

SGMA UPDATE:

Lucchesi reported he attended a meeting to discuss coordination with the other GSP's and how costs would be shared, and coordination agreements. Also discussed was the scope and fees from the consultant who will be performing the work for the northern and central Delta-Mendota region GSP.

ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS REPORT:

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

Lucchesi reported the irrigation season was closed on November 4th. Staff has received a few water orders and would bunch them up once maintenance has been finished on November 20th. At the end of the irrigation season, the District had delivered 8,475 acf of excess water.

October 30th, the District stated wheeling restoration water into the DMC at a flow rate of approximately 40 cfs. Currently there is 70 cfs in the river that PID could be diverting for all of November but do not have the capacity. The flow rate will continue into November and PID will lower diversions to 25-30 cfs in December.

Two Drains Project Update: Lucchesi reported, a PO was issued to Don Pedro Pump to replace the impeller on the damaged pump at the Alfalfa Station.

Main Canal Rehab:

- Project went out to bid on November 7, 2017.
- Executed contracts with Stantec for CM and engineering services
- Received quote from Sierra Controls for Schedule A improvements. It will be put in front of the board for approval in December.
- Received a quote for Labor Consultants of California to provide compliance review for prevailing wages for the project
- Temporary Construction Easements: Executed easement with Michael Fantozzi. Met with Larry Barletta in regards to an easement and the possible effect to the sale of his property. Met with Lopez's to discuss a possible easement, this easement is not absolutely necessary, however will help in the construction process.
- The landowner pipeline will not be included in the project. The landowner will work on clearing up their well for possible discharge into District facilities.

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Russell, Board Secretary