

**PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

August 15, 2018

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 Azevedo.

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

Directors Absent:

Others Present:	Vince Lucchesi	General Manager
	Toni Russell	Board Secretary
	Steve Trinta	Operations/Maintenance Supervisor

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

General Manager Lucchesi requested Item No.: 6 Approval of Change Order No: 1 for the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project Schedule A be postponed to the September Board Meeting.

Director Reichmuth made a motion to approve the changes to the Agenda. Second by Director Barbaste and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the July 18, 2018 Regular Board Meeting was reviewed by the Board.

Director Barbaste made a motion to approve July 18, 2018 board minutes as received. Second by Director Reichmuth and passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Secretary/Treasurer Russell gave 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 for July 2018 for Board review. General Manager Lucchesi gave a draft budget report to actual through July 31, 2018.

Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve the July 2018 Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Director Barbaste and passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S PURCHASING POLICY:**

General Manager Lucchesi provided the Board with the final Draft Purchasing Policy for approval. The Purchasing Policy is to provide guidelines for the conduct of the purchasing process, to ensure purchasing and invoice processing are performed efficiently and for the purpose of Patterson Irrigation District internal control and budgeting.

Director Prevostini made a motion to approve and adopt the District Purchasing Policy as presented. Second by Director Reichmuth and passed unanimously.

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

A verbal report was given to the Board on recent activities and maintenance in the District. A discussion was held about the use of Teton and Cascade for the next year and the benefits of that versus chaining.

**DIRECTORS BRIEFING:**

Director Azevedo gave a report on a meeting he, Director Barbaste and General Manager Lucchesi attended with Chase Hurley, Consultant San Luis Water District, Hicham EITal, Deputy General Manager Merced Irrigation District, and Mark Rhodes, Manager Triangle T Ranch. The meeting was to facilitate discussion with Merced Irrigation District on other wheeling opportunities for PID to move surplus water held in MID reservoir's to the DMC.

**MANAGER'S BRIEFING:**

General Manager Lucchesi discussed various items that he was working on for the month. Discussion included, a meeting attended with Jeanne Zolezzi, Jennifer Spaletta, and Karna Harrington to discuss curtailment matters. Lucchesi stated his interest in the District funding a project to prove water availability in case of a future curtailment. He will be exploring that program with District counsel to see what a program would look like.

Staff has been working with Sierra Controls in regards to installing a redundant flow sensor at the river as a backup to the Sontec. Lucchesi stated, in the last year the Sontec has been down twice and out for repairs, in those instances a redundant flow sensor would still be reading flows for PID. Lucchesi explained, as part of PID's water rights permit, within the next year, SWRCB will require PID to provide real time flow data and diversion's off the river and post it to PID website making the information publically available.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE:**

Lucchesi reported, Provost & Pritchard (P&P) had spent time with PID staff touring the district identifying areas in need of improvement. P&P is continuing to gather information and will be providing PID a list of project's based on a criteria to score each project. PID will then make the decision of which project(s) would best serve the district moving forward.

**PROP 218 DISCUSSION:**

Lucchesi reported, at the last board meeting Raftellis gave a presentation to the Board in regards to the Districts water rate based on information compiled. Lucchesi provided an anticipated schedule for adoption of the proposed water rate prior to the 2019-2020 irrigation season.

### **ETHICS TRAINING:**

Secretary/Treasurer Russell reported all directors were in need of updating their Ethics Training this year and directed them to the Fair Political Practices Commission AB 1234 Local Ethics Training Portal for their convenience. Russell stated, Directors attending the Fall ACWA Conference could attend training classes provided by ACWA/JPIA.

### **SWRCB BAY DELTA PLAN UPDATE PHASE 1:**

Lucchesi gave an update on the Bay-Delta Plan for the Lower San Joaquin River and Southern Delta. Provided in the board packet were comment letters from the Bureau of Reclamation and San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority, along with a reminder of the rally being held at the State Capitol Building August 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **DRAINAGE AUTHORITY UPDATE:**

Lucchesi reported on drainwater in the District has cleaned up in recent weeks. There were spots throughout early on in the season and staff and Lucchesi had to call growers to clean up their drainwater; those phone calls seemed to be enough to get growers to clean up their drain water. Lucchesi discussed the On-Farm Drinking Water Supply Well Monitoring Plan being imposed by the RWQCB. Beginning January 1, 2019 members of the East San Joaquin Coalition will be required to sample all on-farm drinking water supply wells for nitrate annually. Lucchesi pointed out to the Board that this will probably come to the westside, and ultimately mean that if drinking water wells are not satisfactory regarding nitrates, growers may be required to provide bottled water service to the homes.

### **DEL PUERTO CANYON RESERVOIR UPDATE:**

Lucchesi provided the Board documents regarding the feasibility study that the District participated in with the partnering agencies for the project. A decision needs to be made by the end of September that the partners need to be able to say yes or no on whether or not they wish to participate with the project further. The reason for the deadline is to have the project eligible for WINN act funding for feasibility and construction of the project. The feasibility of the project put the annual costs (without any grant funding) at around \$2.6 million per year to PID. The other partners costs would be higher since PID was interested in only a small stake in the project. Lucchesi pointed out the positives of participation and the potential regarding Grant funding for the project. Costs would be dropped substantially if the project receives similar funding like the prop 1 funds allocated towards the Pacheco Reservoir Project. The District would also benefit from water quality and transfer potential if participation, however the costs are high compared to the District's operating budget.

Lucchesi provided the Board a range of costs depending on additional grant funding for the next feasibility and environmental work for the project. This work doesn't include engineering, but the project compliant with CEQA and NEPA. This next effort could cost up to \$750,000 to PID to have environmental and the final feasibility performed. Lucchesi reported, DPWD has applied, and it is being considered at congress, for funding under the WINN Act to move forward with the next phase of the project. Total estimated cost for this phase of the project is \$3,000,000. It's

unclear at the moment how much funding has been requested but it may be substantial. Lucchesi stated, at the next board meeting he would be requesting direction from the Board on PID's continued participation in the project.

**SGMA UPDATE:**

Lucchesi gave an update on several meetings attended.

**USBR 9d CONTRACT DISCUSSION:**

None

**WINTER OPERATIONS DISCUSSION:**

Lucchesi discussed a Draft Winter Operations, in a dry year scenario, during the winter shut down for the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project. Lucchesi provided alternatives to the board for consideration on the contingency plan to make water available if the winter is dry.

**SEASON FRINGE POLICY DISCUSSION:**

Lucchesi reported on changes made to the Season Fringe Policy (Policy). It was reported the Policy would be suspended this fall allowing grower's the opportunity to apply as much water to the ground as possible prior to the District shut down in November.

**TRESPASSING ISSUES:**

Lucchesi reported on a meeting with the Stanislaus County Sherriff's office in regards to trespassing issues on District laterals. The Sherriff's office noted to Lucchesi that the District can only authorize the Sherriff as agent on property it owns, not property it has an easement for. Also the Sherriff's office pointed out to Lucchesi, that the office wont discern between irrigators and other individuals; meaning that if the Sherriff see's someone on a canal after hours, they will investigate.

**ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS REPORT:**

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

**Administration:**

Lucchesi reported, Santiago Castillo will be retiring on December 15, 2018 after 42 years of service with the district.

**Construction Report:**

**Villages of Patterson**

- PID is still working with Teichert to work out issues from construction
- Along Walnut Avenue, PID staff is working with the City of Patterson to work through a potential easement of an additional 7 feet wide by 116 feet long to accommodate the additional space needed for access of the pipeline. The City has agreed to deed over this stretch. Staff are working with Legal Counsel to provide to the City to establish the new easement.

- PID staff is working through an issued that arose prior to the conversion from the 3N system to the new.

### **Go Green Norcal**

- PID was made aware of an issue from the contractor of the green house facility that is going in at the corner of Lemon and Elm Avenue's. The contractor excavated material along Lemon Avenue and using that material to level the property. This material was also cover over PID's sub lateral. The reduction in cover and the continued traffic over the lateral stressed the joints and cracked the line.
- PID requested plans for the project, the plans show a dedication to Stanislaus County for additional Right-of-way on top of PID's pipeline. The plans also show the development placing a fence on top of PID's line.
- A notice was sent to the county and landowner that this encroaches onto PID's rights for maintaining the line.
- Staff are working with the developer to come up with a solution. Go Green has been notified that any solution that is agreed upon and PID feels comfortable with and the pipe still leaks, Go Green will be responsible to fix it.

### **Main Canal Rehab:**

- All contracts are on budget with the exception of Rados with Change Order 1
- With the Grant amount at \$2,934,670, and PID Funds at \$10,000,000, if no additional change orders, it is estimated PID will have \$707,822 remaining in the4 Restricted Fund when the project is over.
- PID submitted the 3<sup>rd</sup> claim report to DWR
- Rados has finished up the straight runs of pipe for the project
- Rados has poured some of the walls for the pump station
- Potential Change Order 2. The tile drain that ties into the Bar Ditch was deeper than what was anticipated, the pipeline will need to be lowered to accommodate the deeper tile drain. The cost of the change order is anticipated to be \$17,000 - \$45,000  
The vault on the Kholander is in conflict with the location of the conduit that serves a landowners well. Rados provided a letter anticipated additional work, it was clarified later they didn't survey the location and made an estimate as to where the box would be and in conflict with the pipeline. Rados is still figuring out where the box should end up.

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 3:43 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

The Board returned to open session at 3:48 p.m. President Azevedo reported no reportable action taken.

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Toni Russell – Board Secretary

