

**PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL TELEPHONIC BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

December 16, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Patterson Irrigation District held a telephonic regular monthly Board meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:14 p.m. by Director Barbaste

Directors Present: Richard Barbaste, David Reichmuth, John Azevedo, David Fantozzi, Frank Trinta

Directors Absent:

Others Present:	Vince Lucchesi	General Manager
	Toni Russell	Secretary/Treasurer
	Mark Smith	Smith Policy Group
	Dennis Cardoza	Foley and Lardner
	Doug Demko	FishBio
	Jeanne Zolezzi	Legal Counsel

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT ITEMS:

Agenda Items 4 – 5: Board to Consider: a) November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, Accounts Receivable Report, Draft Budget Report, and PID Reserves Report, for month ending November 2020.

Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve the Consent Items. Second by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ACTION ITEMS

BOARD TO CONSIDER CONTINUATION OF SAN JOAQUIN RIVER PREDATION STUDY INTO 2021:

Doug Demko, FishBio, gave a brief Power Point presentation of key accomplishments of the 2020 San Joaquin Predator Study and proposed budget for 2021. The study plan included two elements: (1) wire fyke traps to estimate population sizes of non-native, sport fishes and to collect information on their migration patterns; and (2) electrofishing and sonar surveys to evaluate abundance of predators. Demko reported, they are proposing that the same activities continue in 2021 the third year of the study. The proposed budget for 2021 is \$510,000, PID's portion for 2021 would be \$170,000.

Following a thorough discussion Director Azevedo made a motion to approve a budget of \$170,000 for continuation of San Joaquin Predation Study. Second by Director Fantozzi.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Azevedo, Fantozzi

Noes: Trinta

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT TO WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH VALLEY WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY AND RELATED ACTIONS THERTO FOR THE INSLUSION OF PLEASANT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AS A RECEIPIENT OF WATER:

Patterson Irrigation District (PID) currently has a multi-year water transfer agreement with South Valley Water Resources Authority (SVWRA) dated March 1, 2020. The Amendment to the agreement would be to include Pleasant Valley Water District as part of the agreement.

Director Azevedo made a motion to approve Amendment 01 to the Water Transfer Agreement between PID and SVWRA. Second by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 12-2020 SURPLUS PROPERTY.:

General Manager Lucchesi, reported the district purchased a new boardroom table leaving the old table and desk as surplus property. Lucchesi requested the board approve the disposal of Surplus Property.

Director Azevedo made a motion to approve disposal of PID Surplus Property. Second by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

APPOINTMENT OF TWO BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS TO AD HOC FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE RECOMENTDATION OF 2021 PID ANNUAL BUDGET:

President Barbaste appointed himself and Director Trinta to the Ad Hoc Finance Committee to work with General Manager Lucchesi on the 2021 PID Annual Budget and report back to the Board of Directors.

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Operations/Maintenance Supervisor Trinta gave a report on recent operations and maintenance activities in the District. A written report was included in the board packet for review.

STATE AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS UPDATE:

Mark Smith and Dennis Cardoza provided updates on meetings and calls had regarding garnering support in the Fed and State for possible stimulus funding. Discussions also were on State bonds and proposed bills that could possibly consider the East-West Project to fund.

SGMA UPDATE:

General Manager Lucchesi provided a staff report in the board packet regarding:

- TSS Funded Monitoring Wells

- Well Meter Policy Letter – Well registration process is moving forward. PID has had a few well owners register their wells.
- GSP Implementation
- Subsidence – 2020 Subsidence survey was performed on December 9
- Monitoring well access agreements

OUTSIDE AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS & UPDATES:

Lucchesi provided Agency and Staff reports on the following:

- SLDMWA Activities
- IRWM/SWMP Update
- Drainage Authority Update
- SLDMWA SGMA Update
- FishBio Update
- Family Farm Alliance
- San Joaquin Valley Water Blueprint Effort

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

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

- Managers Briefing –
 - General Manger had nothing to report
- Administration Report
 - COVID-19 Response –
 - Developed a comprehensive COVID workplan for staff in response to Governor Newsom’s July 24, 2020 executive order. Staff now have facemasks, hand sanitizer work plans available at all times. In addition, there is a check that every employee is to do each morning prior to starting work regarding COVID.
 - Provided staff a memo in March detailing precautions that are needed to be taken when working for PID.
 - Provided staff an updated memo on COVID-19 and updated resources available in April that have been provided
 - Provided staff an updated memo on COVID-19 and updated resources available in June regarding the requirement of wearing facemasks
 - Put up posters around facilities so staff know resources available and how to be safe with virus.
 - Updating COVID-19 Preparedness Plan per new CalOSHA requirements
 - Risk Management
 - None
- Construction Report
 - Villages of Patterson
 - Triplex
 - Plans have been provided and developer signed the encroachment agreement. Provost & Pritchard has reviewed the plans and have provided comments.
 - Project is stalled because developer is focusing energy on property north of Mejia, which is currently under construction. This project may be pushed back until further development occurs along Olive Avenue.
 - Mejia
 - P & P provided review of the plans and are waiting for second set of plans for review.

- Dave Romano who is moving the project along called on October 14 to discuss agreements and plans. He will work on revising the Patterson Ranch Ventures Agreement to fit what is needed for Mejia.
 - Revisions to plans should be made available soon.
 - Once PID gets legal description and plat available for the pipeline crossing of Sycamore, staff will work with the City of Patterson to re-establish the easement crossing Sycamore at Walnut
 - Have a draft easement agreement with COP. Waiting for Developer to finish their agreements and have the engineers draft and plat for the two easements.
 - Working with City of Patterson on a license agreement or master encroachment agreement for all projects that cross PID facilities on 1st Street, Walnut, Sycamore, Olive and Eucalyptus.
- Main Canal Rehab – Final report has been accepted and retention is set to be released.
- Marshall Pump Station
 - Awarded the Project to Conco West on November 6th. Preconstruction Project is under construction. Some conduit was discovered as project commenced and staff had to coordinate with Sierra Controls to be able to abandon the cables and be able to coordinate the replacements with a wireless setup.
- Sinkhole at DMC – Pipe was videoed, and longitudinal cracks were discovered along the haunches of the pipe and one running along the soffit of the pipe. Staff are working on getting quotes for repairs from various contractors utilizing different methods.
- Projects Report
 - Staff are currently working on a list of capital projects and asset acquisition to consider for 2021.
 - Shade structure for equipment for equipment.
 - Repairing and lining 2N between Magnolia and Loquat. Staff have a rough estimate for engineering services to get the project ready to bid at \$40,000.
 - Replace the Pipe and Gate Trucks
 - Replace an actuator on 2N at Fruit
 - Replace old VFD at pumping plant 5
 - Recharge and Recirculation feasibility analysis for northside
 - GIS effort utilizing work performed by staff in Fall of 2020 for mapping PID facilities
 - Replace Poplar Well with new well
 - Replace Staff Gauges on the heads of the laterals from the Main Canal
 - Replace water storage tanks at PID yard
 - Trailer spray fig for Kubota
 - Trash boom for PP2
 - 2N Canal Rebuild Project
 - Draft plans have been submitted
 - A preliminary engineers estimate puts the project at \$935,000 for 1 mile of canal rebuilt
 - Notice of exemption was filed on December 3, 2020
 - Due to dry year, we may not be able to have 2N down from January through March for a full rebuild. The plan is to put the project out to bid in the fall.
 - Pumping Plant No. 5 Upgrade

- Don Pedro has pump ordered the wrong pump.
 - RLH Wave engineers gave the OK that the existing wiring infrastructure is good.
 - Travelling Screen at Pumping Plant No. 5
 - Issued ½ of the cost of the screen with HiSide
 - HiSide is working on the installation
 - East-West Financing Feasibility Study
 - Staff are reviewing the study
 - East-West Conveyance Benefit Assessment
 - Staff have reviewed the first draft, Stantec have sent on the draft document to USBR for an initial review.
- Water Operation Report
 - As of December 16, 2020, the USBR has lifted the Shasta Critical designation on PID's San Joaquin River Replacement water allocation. PID is currently pumping into the DMC at 22 cfs. PID pumped 1,833 AF into the DMC for the Month of November for USBR/FWA. For 2020 PID has 2,676 AF of Warrant Act water available, if dry conditions persist, this water will be carried over into 2021. PID may start pumping water under PID's water right if storms don't show up in January.

DIRECTORS BRIEFING:

Nothing to report

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 3:50 p.m. to discuss the items below:

- a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: Water
Agency Negotiator: Vince Lucchesi, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: Robert Pierce, WSID
Under Negotiation: Instructions to Negotiator will concern price and payment terms
- b. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: Water
Agency Negotiator: Vince Lucchesi, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: TBD
Under Negotiation: Instructions to Negotiator will concern price and payment terms
- c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: APN 047-007-028
Agency Negotiator: Vince Lucchesi, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: CWS Marketing Group, Inc.
Under Negotiation: Instructions to Negotiator will concern Price and Payment terms
- d. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance v Patterson Irrigation District GSA,
Stanislaus County Superior Court Case No. CV-20-001748

- e. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PER GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 54957
TITLE: GENERAL MANAGER

The Board returned to open session 4:42 p.m.

**DISCUSS AND ACTION ON 2020 PERFORMANCE COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT FOR
PID GENERAL MANAGER:**

Director Azevedo made a motion to approve a performance-based compensation adjustment for PID General Manager in the amount of \$6,000. Second by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

OTHER ITEMS

Nothing to report

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m. p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Russell, Secretary