

**PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

September 20, 2023

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Directors Present: Richard Barbaste, John Azevedo, Alan Scheuber, David Fantozzi

Directors Absent: Daniel Robinson

Others Present: Vince Lucchesi            General Manager  
                         Toni Russell                Secretary/Treasurer  
                         Jeanne Zolezzi                General Counsel

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**REPORT ITEMS:**

**SGMA UPDATE:**

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

- SWRCB & DWR Inadequate Determination Process Update
- GSP Implementation

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Lucchesi requested the Board to add to the agenda action on the State Water Resources Control Board Contract for the \$5 million general fund appropriation from Senator Caballero. Lucchesi noted that this agreement was brought to his attention on the 19<sup>th</sup> that the State Water Resources Control Board was waiting for his signature.

After a brief discussion, Director Scheuber made a motion to add the action item "Board to Consider Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Agreement No. D2201015 with the State Water Resources Control Board For the Purpose of the Construction of the East-West Conveyance System". Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Fantozzi  
Noes: None  
Absent: Robinson  
Abstain: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

Agenda Items 9 – 10 Board to Consider: a) August 16, 2023 Regular PID GSA Board Meeting, August 16, 2023 Regular PID Board Meeting, and August 30, 2023 Special PID Board Meeting b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, the Update to Reserves, and the Budget to Actual for the month ending in August.

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Fantozzi  
Noes: None  
Absent: Robinson  
Abstain: None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**BOARD TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LOCAL 3 OPERATING ENGINEERS AND PID FIELD STAFF THROUGH DECEMBER OF 2025**

Lucchesi noted that PID representatives are to meet again with the Union reps, some small tweaks were addressed and the representatives are working on those items.

No action was taken.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER CONTRACT WITH OHZ SECURITY FOR REMOTE VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a contract from OHZ Security to help with off-site video monitoring security of the PID yard when PID goes into the offseason. Lucchesi noted that the contract provided is for \$10,015 for the equipment and installation, however they did not account for prevailing wages. Lucchesi told the board that the price will be higher once he gets a revised quote that accounts for prevailing wages. Lucchesi also noted that the timing of approval is important for the contract because PID will be going into the offseason with night patrol duties coming off in November time and we will need to have this monitoring in place. Therefore, Lucchesi requested the Board authorize the contract on the condition that the contractor makes sure they adjust their price to account for prevailing wages.

In addition Lucchesi noted that the contract includes a monthly monitoring price of \$1,000 per month. This amount is not subject to prevailing wages. OHZ will allow PID to turn on and off the services as long as PID makes a commitment to having the service run consistently for 6 months on. This contract includes services that will monitor by video the PID yard for any potential theft or vandalism, the contractor will then call the staff member on call to let them know that someone is on the property that shouldn't be and if they want OHZ to call the authorities.

After a thorough discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to approve the execution of the contract contingent on OHZ adjusting their proposal for prevailing wages. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Fantozzi

Noes: None

Absent: Robinson

Abstain: None

**BOARD TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM MCELVANEY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 500 FEET OF THE 3S EXTENSION PIPELINE AND TO MAKE SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board of Directors a proposal from McElvaney construction for a price of \$136,200 for the repair of a split portion of the 3S extension pipeline near Pear Avenue. Lucchesi noted that this cost is high for the small stretch of pipeline to be replaced, however McElvaney is the most reasonable contractor to do the work and therefore this may be the cheapest cost to replace the pipeline at the time. Lucchesi requested that the Board allow staff to construct the box for the turnout that is affecting the leaking of the pipeline with the hope that this will help alleviate the problem.

Lucchesi noted that in the event that the box does not provide the control on water in the pipeline as intended at the beginning of the season, we will move forward with McElvaney with performing the replacement.

No Action was taken

**BOARD TO CONSIDER CHANGING DENTAL PLANS WITH ACWA/JPIA DUE TO THE CURRENT PLAN NO LONGER BEING OFFERED**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board the current plans being offered by ACWA/JPIA for dental insurance. Lucchesi noted that the current plan is no longer being offered by ACWA/JPIA and that the comparable plan that is now offered by JPIA costs \$106.12 compared to roughly \$97 per employee per month.

After a thorough discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to approve changing the dental plan to Plan 1012. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Fantozzi

Noes: None

Absent: Robinson

Abstain: None

**BOARD TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT NO. D2201015 WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EAST-WEST CONVEYANCE SYSTEM**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board contract No. D2201015 with the State Water Resources Control Board to access the \$5 million general fund appropriation by State Senator Anna Caballero for the construction of the East-West Conveyance Project. Lucchesi noted that these funds are for the construction of Pumping Plant 4 and its associated pipeline.

After a thorough discussion, Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve the execution of the contract with the State Water Resources Control Board. Second by Director Azevedo and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Fantozzi

Noes: None

Absent: Robinson

Abstain: None

**REPORT ITEMS:**

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

General Manager Lucchesi 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:**

General Manager Lucchesi provided updates on the budget request from Senator Caballero. Lucchesi noted that the \$5,000,000 budget request funding is with the State Water Resources Control Board. Lucchesi noted that the SWRCB is developing an agreement for PID.

Lucchesi also noted on the progress of the FAA development with USBR and Stantec's effort.

Lucchesi also noted, with the help of General Counsel Zolezzi the status of the various bills that were adopted by the State Legislature and their potential impact to PID. These included the air board clean fleet regulation and SB 389.

## **2N LOQUAT PROJECT TRAVELING SCREEN DISCUSSION**

Lucchesi discussed about the 2N project past Loquat and the potential to install a traveling screen at the head of the lateral or utilizing the landowners traveling screen at the head of the lateral. The Board provided direction that it wouldn't be a good idea to pursue this because it would be felt by landowners in the rest of the District that there should be traveling screens everywhere and that we should not provide a traveling screen on the lateral or use the landowners. In addition, the board stated that the existing landowner installed traveling screen on 2N needs to be removed by the landowner and reinstalled by the landowner in the new box as part of the project.

## **ACWA FALL CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 28-30**

Lucchesi reminded the board of the upcoming conference and to confirm the attendees.

## **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
  
- Administration Report
  - Lucchesi provided a report on Personnel
  
  - Lucchesi Provided a report on Risk Management
  
- Lucchesi provided a report on construction projects
  - Director Fantozzi removed himself due to conflict of interest on the Main Canal Pumping Plant 4 project to discuss the removal of the trees encroaching on PID property impacting the project from 2:21 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
  
- Lucchesi provided a report on projects
  
- Lucchesi provided a report on Water Operations

## **DIRECTORS BRIEFING:**

None

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

President Barbaste announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 2:38 p.m. to discuss the items below:

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
(Government Code Section 54956.8)  
Property: Water

Agency Negotiator: Vince Lucchesi, General Manager  
Negotiating Parties: Skye Grass, General Manager KTWD  
Under Negotiation: Instructions to Negotiator will concern price and payment terms

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Negotiating Parties: Anthea Hansen, General Manager DPWD

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Negotiating Parties: Steve Ottemoller, Friant Water Authority

Under Negotiation: Instructions to Negotiator will concern price and payment terms

The Board returned to open session 2:51 p.m. President Barbaste reported action was taken in closed session.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENTS WITH KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT FOR UP TO 3,350 AF OF WATER ALLOCATED BY THE CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT AND EXECUTING AGREEMENTS AND ACTIONS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER THERETO**

Lucchesi presented to the Board a transfer proposal from Kern-Tulare Water District for \$59.80 per acre-foot for up to 3,350 AF for PIDs allocated 2023-24 CVP SOD Ag water supply.

Director Azevedo made a motion to approve the transfers and to authorize the general manager to take actions necessary to facilitate the transfers. Seconded by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Fantozzi

Noes: None

Absent: Robinson

Abstain: None

**OTHER ITEMS**

Nothing to report

**UPCOMING BOARD MEETING(S)**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2023 as a Regular Board meeting

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Toni Russell, Secretary