

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

September 21, 2022

The Patterson Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Director Barbaste

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

Directors Absent: None

Others Present:	Vince Lucchesi	General Manager
	Toni Russell	Secretary/Treasurer
	Steve Trinta	Operations & Maintenance Supervisor
	Mark Smith	Consultant

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO CONSIDER CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION WITH THE
NORTHERN AND CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN
REGARDING STANISLAUS COUNTY WELL PERMIT APPLICATION 22-283 FOR PID
PARCELS 398, 300, 400, AND 401**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a signed Letter of Agreement between Jeffrey Hughes and Patterson Irrigation District GSA. The letter includes a commitment from the Hughes' that they will comply with the PID GSA policy of subscribing their well to PID for monitoring, to install a meter on their well and that their well may be subject to pumping restrictions in the event that the PID GSA requires it.

Lucchesi noted that this is being brought to the Board of Directors in compliance with the Governors Executive Order N-7-22 requiring the GSA Board of Directors to determine consistency with their Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP). Lucchesi noted that the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Sub-Basin is working on determining the sustainability and PID is working on collecting the necessary data to determine if restrictions will be warranted. Lucchesi also pointed out that there may come a time that wells may be denied because they are not consistent with the GSP; however at this point we don't have enough data to deny consistency other than the commitment from the landowner on the well agreement.

After a brief discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion determining consistency with the GSP and to authorize the well. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Fantozzi, Trinta, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: Scheuber

Abstain: None

REPORT ITEMS:**SGMA UPDATE:**

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

- GSP Comments from DWR/SWRCB
- Well Meter Policy Letter
- GSP Implementation

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

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The Patterson Irrigation District Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:19 p.m. by Director Barbaste

Directors Present: Richard Barbaste, David Fantozzi, Frank Trinta, John Azevedo, Alan Scheuber (arrived 2:34PM)

Directors Absent: None

Others Present:	Vince Lucchesi	General Manager
	Toni Russell	Secretary/Treasurer
	Steve Trinta	Operations & Maintenance Supervisor
	Mark Smith	Consultant

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT ITEMS:

Agenda Items 10 – 11 Board to Consider: a) August 17, 2022 Regular Board Meeting b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, Budget to Actual, and the Update to Reserves for month ending July 2022.

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Fantozzi, Trinta, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: Scheuber

Abstain: None

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 08-2022 RECOGNIZING JIM BOSCHI

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board resolution 08-2022 recognizing Mr. Boschi and his long dedicated service to PID and his upcoming retirement on October 1, 2022.

Director Azevedo made a motion to adopt Resolution 08-2022. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Fantozzi, Trinta, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: Scheuber

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-2022 RECOGNIZING STATE SENATOR ANNA CABALLERO

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board resolution 09-2022 recognizing Ms. Caballero and her efforts in securing \$5,000,000 in the State of California's General Fund to support the construction of the East-West Conveyance Project.

Director Azevedo made a motion to adopt Resolution 09-2022. Second by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Fantozzi, Trinta, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: Scheuber

Abstain: None

BOARD TO RATIFY EXECUTION OF WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT FOR 600 ACRE-FEET OF 2021-22 WARREN ACT WATER FROM CONTRACT 20-WC-20-5658

Lucchesi presented to the Board the staff executed water transfer agreement with Westlands Water District for 600 acre-feet of 2021 Warren Act Contract water from agreement 20-wC-20-5658 for a price of \$1,487 per acre-foot.

Following a thorough discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to ratify the agreement with Westlands Water District. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Fantozzi, Trinta, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: Scheuber

Abstain: None

BOARD TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENTS IN THEIR SUBSTANTIAL FORM WITH THE CITY OF COALINGA FOR 700 ACRE-FEET OF 2021-22 WARREN ACT WATER FROM CONTRACT 20-WC-20-5658 AND TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY THERETO TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER INCLUDING FILING CEQA AND OBTAINING THE NECESSARY APPROVALS

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a draft water transfer agreement between the Patterson Irrigation District and the City of Coalinga for up to 700 acre-feet of water at a gross to PID of \$1,850/AF. Lucchesi noted that this agreement is with Coalinga right now for consideration and he anticipates a few edits to come from the City. In the event that the agreement has been substantively changed he will return the agreement to the Board for consideration.

After a brief discussion. Director Azevedo made a motion to execute the transfer agreement in its substantial form. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Fantozzi, Trinta, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: Scheuber

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER EXECUTING ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FISH PHILLIPS FOR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH LOCAL 3

Lucchesi presented to the Board an engagement agreement with Fisher Phillips to represent PID in labor negotiations for forthcoming compliance and negotiations with the future PID employee bargaining unit. Lucchesi noted that the attorney Alden Parker came recommended by the outgoing counsel Ryan Reed of Downey Brand. Lucchesi noted that Ryan Reed is leaving Downey Brand to pursue another opportunity and there isn't support staff at Downey Brand that can help facilitate this agreement. In addition, Lucchesi pointed out that PID just received the draft MOU from the Local 3 and that PID staff didn't have time to reach out to secure other estimates for these services.

Following a thorough discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to the engagement agreement. Second by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

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

BOARD TO CONSIDER CONTRACT WITH MAGGIORA BROTHERS FOR DRILLING REPLACEMENT WELL FOR POPLAR WELL

Lucchesi presented to the Board the results of the bidding for the drilling of the replacement of Poplar Well. The results of the bids were that only one bidder provided a bid at a price well beyond what staff had budgeted for the entire replacement project. Lucchesi noted that staff went out to bid for the project to get a better price than what was quoted earlier in the year to PID for just drilling the well. However, when this bid was received, the bid was even higher than the original quote that PID received. Lucchesi recommended to the Board to reject the bid and to allow staff to pursue other contractors.

Following a thorough discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion reject the bid from Maggiora Brothers and Directed the General Manager to pursue other drillers. Second by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

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

BOARD TO CONSIDER FSA PLAN WITH HEALTH EQUITY:

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a proposal from Health Equity for a Flex Spending Account for employees to put pre-tax money away for eligible personal medical and dependent care expenses. Lucchesi noted that this could help employees offset the costs associated with the limited coverage from the dental plan and other expenses. Compared to an annual cost of upwards of \$8,000 per year, the Flex Spending Account would be \$900 per year to the District. Lucchesi added that seven of the 12 PID employees would consider participating in the 125 plan if they need it.

After a brief discussion Director Azevedo made a motion to approve a FSA Plan with Health Equity for PID employees. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

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

BOARD TO CONSIDER WAIVER OF LATE FEE FOR WEST COAST TURF:

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a memorandum on West Coast Turf's account with PID and the delinquencies that occurred in 2022. Lucchesi noted that West Coast Turf staff claimed that PID staff told them that PID would waive late fees due to issues with when West Coast Turf received their invoices; however, Lucchesi noted that PID staff did not claim to waive the late fees. Due to this confusion, West Coast Turf asks that the PID Board of Directors consider honoring what the PID employee said.

After a brief discussion Director Azevedo made a motion deny West Cost Turf's request. Second by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Fantozzi, Trinta, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: Scheuber

Abstain: None

REPORT ITEMS:

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Operations/Maintenance Supervisor Steve 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 provided updates on the budget request from Senator Caballero and the status of the \$500,000 from Congressman Harder. In addition, Smith added that he is trying to find out where the money appropriated by Senator Caballero has been allocated and how does PID get access to those funds.

DISCUSSION ON NOTIFICATION OF DELINQUENCIES:

Lucchesi provided the Board a memorandum on the subject of how delinquencies are now being handled when a water user is trying to order water. In summary, when a water user is delinquent and tries to order water the Distribution System Operator will point the water user to the PID office to explain why the water user can't get water.

DISCUSSION ON PID DIVISION 3 AND 5 VACANCIES:

Lucchesi informed the Board that with the closing of applications for filling the Division 3 and 5 Board seats that the Board may be considering the filling the positions no sooner than December 17 after the seats are vacated on December 3. Lucchesi noted that the process for appointment will follow the same process that was utilized for filling the Division 2 Board seat. Lucchesi provided the Board the walking list for Division 5 to consider potential candidates.

ACWA FALL CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 1 INDIAN WELLS, CA:

Lucchesi informed the Board that the upcoming Fall ACWA conference registration has opened and Directors Barbaste, Azevedo and Scheuber are all planning on attending. Lucchesi requested that the Board get back to the board secretary ASAP for attendance.

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
 - Lucchesi provided no updates outside of the items presented herein.
- Administration Report
 - Lucchesi provided a report on Personnel
 - Lucchesi Provided a report on Risk Management
- Lucchesi provided a report on construction projects
- Lucchesi provided a report on projects
- Lucchesi provided a report on Water Operations

DIRECTORS BRIEFING:

Nothing to report

CLOSED SESSION:

President Barbaste announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 3:08 p.m. to discuss the items below:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator(s): Vince Lucchesi, General Manager

Represented Organization: Operations Employees (OE3)

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Water

Agency Negotiator: Vince Lucchesi, General Manager

Negotiating Parties: Cindy Kao, South Valley

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

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Water

Agency Negotiator: Vince Lucchesi, General Manager

Negotiating Parties: Dale Melville, South Valley Water Resources Authority

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

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Water

Agency Negotiator: Vince Lucchesi, General Manager

Negotiating Parties: Jason Phillips, Executive Director Friant Water Authority

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

The Board returned to open session 3:30 p.m. President Barbaste reported no action was taken in closed session.

OTHER ITEMS

Nothing to report

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meetings are scheduled for October 19, 2022 and November 16, 2022

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Russell, Secretary