

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

November 16, 2022

The Patterson Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Director Barbaste

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

Directors Absent: Frank Trinta

Others Present:	Vince Lucchesi	General Manager
	Toni Russell	Secretary/Treasurer
	Jeanne Zolezzi	General Counsel
	Mark Smith	Policy Consultant

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 11-2022 AUTHORIZING THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY PRESIDENT, GENERAL MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE TO PURSUE A FUNDING OPPORTUNITY OFFERED FROM CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES 2021 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM SGMA IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board Resolution 11-2022 supporting the application of a grant under the Round 2 of the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program. Lucchesi noted that PID is pursuing two additional monitoring wells in this application to help support filling the interconnected surface waters data gap that is in the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sustainability Plan. PID had already budgeted for constructing 3 monitoring wells throughout the District for approximately \$300,000; including cost-share, the new wells would cost PID around \$15-20,000. Substantially lower than budgeted.

In addition, Lucchesi noted that an evaluation of the interconnected surface waters and additional monitoring wells are also being included in the application; however, a project proponent was required and PID was used. It's conveyed in the application that PID would provide the cost-share of this additional effort; however, this effort is an expense that will be shared along the remainder of the GSA/GSP's of the sub-basin.

After a brief discussion, Director Scheuber made a motion to adopt resolution 11-2022. Second by Director Azevedo and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Fantozzi, Azevedo, Scheuber

Noes: None

Absent: Trinta

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 1:25 p.m.

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None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT ITEMS:

Agenda Items 10 – 11 Board to Consider: a) October 19, 2022 Regular Patterson Irrigation District Regular Board Meeting and October 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, and the Update to Reserves for month ending September. Due to technical difficulties the October Budget to Actual was not presented

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Fantozzi, Azevedo, Scheuber

Noes: None

Absent: Trinta

Abstain: None

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING GENERAL MANAGER SENDING A LETTER TO USBR SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA GREAT BASIN REGION'S PROPOSED USE OF FY 2023 AGING INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNT FUNDS FOR THE CVP RESERVED WORKS EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a draft letter of support for the allocation of FY 2023 Aging Infrastructure Account Funds towards the CVP reserved works extraordinary maintenance projects. Lucchesi noted that as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure package that provided an additional \$8 billion towards the Bureau of Reclamation. Included in that funding was additional funds towards Bureau of Reclamation Aging Infrastructure. This letter of support is

intended to support the Great Basin Region's request for funding to perform subsidence repairs on the Delta-Mendota Canal and modernization of the Jones Pumping Plant in Tracy.

If PID provides a letter of support, more favorable terms can be negotiated on repayment. In addition, any repayment required will not incur the requirement of Reclamation Reform Act forms for all farming within PID.

After a brief discussion, Director Scheuber made a motion to sign a letter of Support to USBR's request for the FY 2023 Aging Infrastructure Account Funds. Second by Director Azevedo and passed unanimously.

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

BOARD TO CONSIDER BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR SECURING A REPLACEMENT GRADALL

General Manager Lucchesi provided to the Board a staff report on the effort that the District has gone through to secure a satisfactory replacement for the Genie lift that was lost in a fire in November 2021. The Board had set a budget of \$65,000 to replace the unit, with approximately \$37,000 coming from ACWA/JPIA for the replacement. Since then, costs have skyrocketed and whenever staff find a unit, its sold by the time staff call to enquire.

Lucchesi presented to the Board, two units at a cost of \$79,000 out the door that would be sufficient replacements. Lucchesi requested that the Board adjust the budgeted amount of \$65,000 to \$85,000 to allow PID to secure one of these units.

After a thorough discussion, Director Fantozzi made a motion to adjust the budget for securing a Gradall Lift by \$20,000 to \$85,000. Second by Director Azevedo and passed unanimously.

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

AUTHORIZATION OF DEDICATING GENERAL LABOR, SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES BUDGET FUNDS FOR RETIREMENT RECOGNITION OF JIM BOSCHI

Lucchesi presented to the Board a staff report on Jim Boschi's retirement gift. The Board had adopted a resolution at the September Board meeting recognizing Jim's contributions but had not allocated funds for securing a gift for Jim. Lucchesi requested that the Board consider matching the same gift that will be provided to Tony Lomeli of \$2,000 in the form of a gift card.

Following a thorough discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to provide Jim Boschi a gift card of \$2,000 at Jim's retirement party. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

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

BOARD TO REIMBURSEMENT OF EMPLOYEE UNUSED VACATION TIME

General Manager Lucchesi presented a staff report regarding Toni Russell's unused vacation time. The report described that due to staffing limitations in the office, staff have been unable to utilize their vacation time and as a result have accrued and lost vacation hours beyond the limit set in the employee handbook of 400 hours. Toni had accrued 44 hours and was unable to utilize it in 2022 due to being short staffed in the office; since Toni was at 400 hours, it was requested to bring her down to 364 hours for a total reimbursement of 80 hours of vacation.

Although PID's policy doesn't allow for reimbursement for lost hours, Lucchesi noted that there is a budget item for expenses like this at \$10,000 and the funds would come from that budgeted category. Lucchesi noted that this is a unique scenario in which multiple factors played a role in which the hours were unable to be utilized. Lucchesi noted that this would be a one-time request and that in the coming year with the addition of a new staff member this won't occur again.

Following a discussion, Director Scheuber made a motion to reimburse Toni up to 80 hours of unused vacation time, included in the motion was that this was a one-time approval based on a very specific scenario. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Scheuber

Noes: None

Absent: Trinta

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER PERFORMANCE BASED BONUS FOR EMPLOYEES NOT INCLUDING GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Lucchesi presented a staff report regarding year end performance for staff. Lucchesi pointed out the great effort staff made in making sure the district stayed running, even considering being short on staff and experiencing high moss and algae in the canals. Lucchesi pointed out that staff endeavored to ensure the canals were clean and managed water supply successfully for 2022.

Following a discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to approve up to a 2% performance-based bonus for PID's employees not including the General Manager. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Scheuber

Noes: None

Absent: Trinta

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 added that a ceremony will occur on December 14, 2022 at 10:00 am with the Senator, staff will provide a framed resolution showing our appreciation as well.

Lucchesi also noted on the status of the \$500,000 from Congressman Harder.

EAST-WEST CONVEYANCE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION DISCUSSION:

General Manager Lucchesi discussed with the Board about which direction they wish to go regarding the funding with the \$5,000,000 allocated to the East-West Conveyance project. The Board could consider funding the open channel construction of the Main Canal, or to replace Pumping Plants 4 and 5. Lucchesi noted that the District submitted a WaterSmart Grant application requesting \$5 million for the construction of Pumping Plants 4 and 5. If funded under WaterSmart, PID would cost-share at \$6 million for Pumping Plant 4 and 5.

Lucchesi requested that the Board consider which direction they would like to proceed with the State Funding moving forward. The decision isn't to be made in the next month or so, but a decision will need to be made soon to be able to utilize the funding.

NOVEMBER 2022 ELECTIONS DISCUSSION:

General Manager Lucchesi noted that John Azevedo has been reappointed by the County Board of Supervisors at their November 8, 2022, meeting to remain in his seat as the PID Division 2 Director.

Lucchesi also noted that Daniel Robinson had applied to fill PID Division 5's pending vacancy; however, the County is waiting for a response from the West Stanislaus Fire District Board Secretary to submit a letter acknowledging that PID and the Fire Board have overlapping jurisdictions but that there would not exist a conflict of the two taxing agencies. As soon as the County receives that letter, the Board of Supervisors will appoint Daniel to the seat.

APPOINTMENT OF 2023 PID FINANCE COMMITTEE:

President Barbaste appointed Directors Azevedo and Fantozzi to act as the 2023 budget finance committee to present a draft budget at the January Board of Directors meeting.

OUTSIDE AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS & UPDATES:

Lucchesi provided Agency and Staff reports on the following:

- SLDMWA Cost Re-allocation
- 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 2:56 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

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957

TITLE: GENERAL MANAGER

The Board returned to open session 3:56 p.m. President Barbaste reported no action was taken in closed session.

Action Items

DISCUSS AND ACTION ON 2022 PERFORMANCE BASED COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT FOR PID GENERAL MANAGER

President Barbaste tabled this item to the December 21, 2022 Board Meeting

OTHER ITEMS

Nothing to report

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING(S)

The next Board meetings is scheduled for December 21, 2022

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Russell, Secretary