

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

December 21, 2022

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Directors Present: Richard Barbaste, John Azevedo, Alan Scheuber, Daniel Robinson

Directors Absent: David Fantozzi

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

**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:

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

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

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**CONSENT ITEMS:**

Agenda Items 10 – 11 Board to Consider: a) November 16, 2022 Regular Patterson Irrigation District Regular Board Meeting and November 16, 2022 Regular Board Meeting b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, Update to Reserves, and the Budget to Actual for month ending November.

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: Fantozzi

Abstain: None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**BOARD TO CONSIDER CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE LOWER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER PREDATION STUDY WITH SAN LUIS WATER DISTRICT, BANTA CARBONA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AND WEST STANISLAUS IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a proposal from Fishbio to continue their work on the Lower San Joaquin River at a cost of \$510,000. Lucchesi noted that in past years, this budget was split three ways and would have cost PID around \$170,000, but with an additional participant, PID's cost would be \$127,500. Lucchesi noted that Fishbio has 2 years left of data collection prior to pulling together the report to be published.

After a brief discussion, Director Scheuber made a motion to approve another year of participating in the Fishbio study but not to exceed a budget of \$127,500. Second by Director Azevedo and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: Fantozzi

Abstain: None

**BOARD TO CONSIDER CREATION OF NEW POSITION ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT AND TO INCREASE THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND BENEFITS BUDGET ITEMS TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW POSITION**

General Manager Lucchesi provided to the Board a job description for an Accountant/Assistant Accountant. Lucchesi noted to the Board that the goal of this position is to hire someone who bookkeeping experience and is familiar with utilizing the software and programs that PID has.

After a thorough discussion, Director Scheuber made a motion to approve the new position of Accountant/Assistant Accountant and adjust the budgets as necessary to fill the position. Second by Director Azevedo and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: Fantozzi

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 occurred on December 14, 2022 at 10:00 am with the Senator, staff will provide a framed resolution showing our appreciation as well. At the presentation was county supervisor Chaance Condit, Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil chief of staff Chad Condit, and Russell Fowler from Chaance Condit's office.

Lucchesi also noted on the status of the \$500,000 from Congressman Harder and that PID is still waiting for USBR to assign a PM. Lucchesi and Smith noted that from the meeting at ACWA, USBR is pushing to hire staff and there may be the potential for additional funding for the appraisal report.

**EAST-WEST CONVEYANCE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION DISCUSSION:**

Bringing up the discussion from the previous meeting, 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. Lucchesi noted that the Board will need to adopt a resolution at its January meeting providing direction on which project to proceed with.

#### **DMC PUMP STATION ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS:**

General Manager Lucchesi provided the Board a technical memorandum from Dahl Consultants evaluating the alternatives for pipeline alignments and locations of the pump station for the expanded DMC pumping plant. Of the alternatives analyzed, the most cost effective alternative would be to construct a new pump station near Pumping Plant 6, raising lateral 5-South an additional foot, and run the discharge along Elfers Road cutting south to the nearest point the Delta-Mendota Canal runs.

The Board discussed the alternatives and potential impacts on property owners in the area but agreed that the best alternative is the one selected by Dahl.

#### **2023 WATER USERS CONFERENCE IN RENO ON JANUARY 25-27, 2023:**

General Manager Lucchesi provided the Board the brochure for the upcoming Water Users Conference in Reno and that the Board needs to let staff know soon if they wish to attend.

#### **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 2:47 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: Anthea Hansen, General Manager DPWD

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 3:14 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 presented to the Board for consideration a cost-of-living adjustment for General Manager Lucchesi and a year-end performance-based bonus.

After a thorough discussion, Director Scheuber made a motion to provide the General Manager a cost-of-living adjustment at \$13,659 effective January 1, 2023 and a year-end performance based bonus of \$7,000. Second by Director Azevedo and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: Fantozzi

Abstain: None

**OTHER ITEMS**

Nothing to report

**UPCOMING BOARD MEETING(S)**

The next Board meetings is scheduled for January 18, 2023

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Toni Russell, Secretary