

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

March 15, 2023

The Patterson Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Director Barbaste

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

Directors Absent: None

Others Present: Vince Lucchesi General Manager  
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:

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

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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None

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None

**CLOSED SESSION:**

President Barbaste announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 1:41 p.m. to discuss the items below:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
(Government Code Section 54957.6)  
Agency Negotiator: 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: Matt Maring, Farmer/Owner T&M Farms  
Under Negotiation: Instructions to Negotiator will concern price and payment terms

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
(Government Code Section 54956.8)  
Property: Water  
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Negotiating Parties: Anthea Hansen, General Manager DPWD  
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CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
(Government Code Section 54956.8)  
Property: Water  
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Negotiating Parties: Steve Ottemoller, Friant Water Authority  
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CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Water

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Negotiating Parties: Erika Kegel, United States Bureau of Reclamation

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

- i. Banta-Carbona Irrigation District, West Stanislaus Irrigation District, Patterson Irrigation District v California State Water Resources Control Board, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2021-80003718-CU-WM-GDS
- ii. Patterson Irrigation District v City of Patterson, Stanislaus County

The Board returned to open session 2:25 p.m. President Barbaste reported no action was taken in closed session.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

Agenda Items 9 – 10 Board to Consider: a) February 15, 2023 Regular Patterson Irrigation District Regular Board Meeting, February 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, and March 1, 2023 Special Board meeting b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, and the Update to Reserves for the month ending in February.

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Robinson, Fantozzi

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**BOARD TO RATIFY EXECUTION OF WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENTS WITH KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT FOR UP TO 4,000 AF OF 2023 ALLOCATED CVP SOD AG WATER AN AUTHORIZING GENERAL MANAGER TO TAKE ACTIONS TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER THERETO**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the board executed water transfer agreements with Kern-Tulare Water District. After a brief discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to ratify the execution of the agreement and to authorize the general manager to take actions necessary to facilitate the agreement. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Robinson, Fantozzi

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

## **BOARD TO RATIFY MARCH 2023 EXTENSION OF WATER WHEELING AGREEMENT WITH FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

General Manager Lucchesi notified the Board that although PID is prepared to negotiate a new contract, however Banta Carbona is still working on what their terms are for the agreement. Therefore, Friant wishes to continue the wheeling but wants one agreement with Banta and Patterson. Lucchesi signed an agreement to continue pumping until Banta is prepared.

After a thorough discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to ratify the execution of the agreement. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Robinson, Fantozzi

Noes: None

Absent: None

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 Adam Nickels has taken the lead to help facilitate the management of the project until a PM can be assigned.

### **2023 STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Lucchesi reported that EKI will be reaching out to the Board soon to perform interviews for the 2023 Strategic Planning Effort.

#### **ACWA SPRING CONFERENCE, MAY 9 – MAY 11, 2023**

Lucchesi notified the Board of Directors that the Spring ACWA conference is coming up for May 9 through May 11, 2023. The conference will be in Monterey. Toni Russell and General Manager Lucchesi will be attending the conference. Directors Azevedo, Robinson and Barbaste noted that they will attend the conference. Director Fantozzi noted that he will drive in for the Sexual Harassment and Ethics training but will not stay.

#### **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 the Board a draft newsletter for review. Lucchesi requested that the Board consider a date for an upcoming Grower Workshop. President Barbaste appointed Directors Fantozzi and Scheuber to provide direction on the newsletter and date for the Grower Workshop
- Administration Report
  - Lucchesi provided a report on Personnel
  - Lucchesi Provided a report on Risk Management
- Lucchesi provided a report on construction projects
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- Lucchesi provided a report on Water Operations

**DIRECTORS BRIEFING:**

None

**OTHER ITEMS**

Nothing to report

**UPCOMING BOARD MEETING(S)**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2023.

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Toni Russell, Secretary