

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

April 19, 2023

The Patterson Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:09 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
	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 1:11 p.m.

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Directors Absent: None

Others Present:	Vince Lucchesi	General Manager
	Toni Russell	Secretary/Treasurer
	Alden Parker	Attorney, Fisher-Phillips
	Mark Smith	Policy Consultant

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

General Manager Lucchesi requested to remove item 13 from the agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

President Barbaste announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 1:12 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)

The Board returned to open session 2:13 p.m. President Barbaste reported no action was taken in closed session.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

Director Azevedo 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 CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER WITH STANTEC FOR PULLING TOGETHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR THE APPRAISAL REPORT AND FEDERAL FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR THE EAST-WEST CONVEYANCE PROJECT AND MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2023 BUDGET

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board of Directors a change order with Stantec for the inclusion of developing the support documents for a funding assistance agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation for moving forward with the development of the appraisal report for the East-West Conveyance Project. Lucchesi noted that the work involved was far more than a simple letter and would require quite a bit of work. Lucchesi noted that this change order would be for \$10,000 and Stantec was the best firm situation to perform the work considering they designed the project and developed the Appraisal report and have performed the same work for the Friant-Kern Canal Subsidence Fix project.

After a brief discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to approve the change order and to adjust the 2023 PID budget to accommodate the increased expense. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Robinson, Fantozzi

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD DISCUSSION ON POLICY REGARDING APPROVED LANDOWNER IMPROVEMENTS AFFECTING PID INFRASTRUCTURE POST INSTALLATION

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board of Directors an issue that the District is currently facing. A previous General Manager had issued encroachment permits for landowners to install turnouts on District conduits. These encroachment permits included written detail regarding how the turnout would be constructed and connected to PID facilities. In addition, the permits were signed by both the General Manager and the water user for the connection.

In some circumstances, these approved installations varied from PID's standards through the PID General Manager at the time. Lucchesi noted that some of these installations have caused issues with pressurizing pipelines in the District and causing the pipelines to fail and leak. The water users in the area affected by the installation want the District to replace the pipelines with a better installation so it won't leak or modify the installations to prevent future leaking. Lucchesi argued however, that the District was never built or designed to maintain pressure in the pipelines or for the conversion to sprinkler and drip irrigation systems. These installations have thus caused problems for the District to maintain.

Lucchesi pointed out two issues. The first is the General Manager overriding the District standards and how do we approach landowners and fix the problem when the District has written documentation that said we authorized the installation. The second issue is when new systems are installed PID should have a standard requiring water users to include improvements on the pipeline that would help prevent leaks.

After a thorough discussion. The Board directed Lucchesi that PID will absorb the costs of the improvements necessary to address the failed installations due to PIDs staff overriding of the District standards with written documentation signed by the previous General Manager and the water user. The Board also directed Lucchesi to look into developing District standards that can be implemented simply throughout the District as new connections are installed.

No action was taken with this agenda item.

BOARD TO RATIFY EXTENSION OF 2022 WHEELING AGREEMENTS WITH FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY 2023

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. Friant wishes to continue the wheeling agreements but wants one agreement with Banta and Patterson. Lucchesi signed an agreement to continue pumping until Banta is prepared. Lucchesi noted that since PID can't pump at the moment anyway, it was really to execute an agreement and if an opportunity arose, at least PID could generate some revenue.

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.

DISTRICT STANDARDS UPDATE DISCUSSION

Lucchesi revisited the subject discussed from Agenda Item 12. Lucchesi has an estimate from Summers Engineering to come up with a set of standards that are easy to follow and to implement. The Board agreed with this approach.

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
- 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 3:00 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: Matt Maring, Farmer/Owner T&M Farms

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

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Negotiating Parties: Anthea Hansen, General Manager DPWD

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

The Board returned to open session 3:36 p.m. President Barbaste reported no action was taken in closed session.

OTHER ITEMS

Nothing to report

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING(S)

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2023.

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Russell, Secretary