

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

December 20, 2023

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

Directors Absent: None

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

- SWRCB & DWR Inadequate Determination Process Update
  - Lucchesi noted that the coordination committee representing the basin is asking all agencies to make a commitment to addressing the overdraft in each zone for the hydrogeologic conceptual model. For the northern area, this is 20,000 AF, Lucchesi noted that PID is committed to helping address this shortfall to aid in ensuring that the sub-basin has a plan approved.
- GSP Implementation
  - Lucchesi noted that implementation is moving forward. WOS Reichmuth is working towards implementation of the metering program, subsidence survey should be completed soon, and the recharge project is going to testing soon.

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

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**CONSENT ITEMS:**

Agenda Items 11 – 12 Board to Consider: a) November 22, 2023 Special PID GSA Board Meeting, November 22, 2023 Special PID Board Meeting b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, the Update to Reserves, and the budget to actual for the month ending in November.

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**BOARD TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM MACHADO BACKHOE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WIER BOX ON 3S PIPELINE**

General Manager Lucchesi provided a new quote for the box that the Board wished to const on the 3S pipeline to relieve leaking on the line. The price of the box, including installation at prevailing wages was at \$25,708.79.

After a thorough discussion, Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve the project. Second by Director Robinson and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson

Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**BOARD TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF GREG REICHMUTH AS ALTERNATE TO GENERAL MANAGER LUCCHESI ON THE NORTHERN DELTA-MENDOTA GSP GROUP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board that with the impending retirement of Steve Trinta, the District needs to appoint a new alternative member to the management committee of the northern delta-mendota group. Lucchesi recommended to the Board to appoint Water Operations Supervisor Greg Reichmuth to stand as alternate.

After a thorough discussion, Director Fantozzi made a motion appoint Greg Reichmuth as General Manager Lucchesi's alternate, Second by Director Robinson and passed unanimously.

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

**BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE 2023 STRATEGIC PLAN**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board the final draft of the 2023 strategic plan developed by EKI Environmental. Lucchesi noted that he went through a thorough process in review of the proposed plan to ensure the Board's concerns were captured and that the plan is realistic with implementation and management

After a thorough discussion, Director Scheuber made a motion to adopt the Strategic Plan. Second by Director Azevedo and passed unanimously.

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

**BOARD TO CONSIDER AWARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR SCHEDULE B OF THE MAIN CANAL REHABILITATION PROJECT**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board the bid results from the December 19 bid opening for the Schedule B improvements for the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project. Lucchesi noted that the engineer's estimate put the project at \$15 million and the low bid came in at \$15,413,000 with Arnaudo Construction. Lucchesi noted that in the bid from Arnaudo under the prequalification's section of the notice to bidders required three projects in the past 10 years of similar type, complexity and value. Arnaudo Construction's previous projects listed were in the \$3 million range, with the clients buying all of the equipment prior to the construction contract. Lucchesi noted that the experience that Arnaudo provided is for pump stations construction and not for pipeline installation, the pipeline work is being performed by Mozingo where this is their specialty.

Lucchesi noted that the combination of Mozingo and Arnaudo's experience should meet this standard regarding complexity and value. However, to provide reassurance, Lucchesi called Bobby Pierce of West Stanislaus Irrigation District and Bobby recommended Arnaudo. Lucchesi also noted that David Weisenberger of Banta-Carbona Irrigation District has recommended

Arnaudo for pump station work as well in the past. Lucchesi recommended the Board waive this irregularity and to award the contract with Arnaudo Construction.

After a thorough discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion award the contract to Arnaudo Construction for the Schedule B Improvements of the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

### **BOARD TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM KLEINFELDER FOR TESTING SERVICES FOR THE SCHEDULE B IMPROVEMENTS OF THE MAIN CANAL REHABILITATION PROJECT**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a proposal from Kleinfelder for the testing services for concrete, steel, compaction and materials for the Schedule B improvements of the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project at a time and materials contract with a price of not to exceed \$160,201.80. Kleinfelder has performed these services for all of the construction projects for PID in the past and they have performed admirably.

After a thorough discussion, Director Robinson made a motion award the contract to Kleinfelder for the materials testing for the Schedule B Improvements of the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

### **BOARD TO CONSIDER CONTINUATION OF FISHBIO LOWER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER PREDATION STUDY WORK**

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 1 year left of data collection prior to pulling together the report to be published.

After a brief discussion, Director Fantozzi 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 Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Robinson, Fantozzi

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

### **BOARD TO CONSIDER CLAIM FROM NANCY PINOLI**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a claim from Nancy Pinoli in regards to the gravel issue that the Board addressed at the May 2023 Board meeting. Nancy is claiming that the impacts of the project have caused her harm and that PID must restore the property. Lucchesi stated that this claim is with ACWA/JPIA right now and they are working through the process of reviewing the claim.

No Action Was Taken

**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 also noted on the progress of the FAA development with USBR and Stantec's effort.

**ADVANCED CLEAN FLEET AND IN-USE OFF ROAD DIESEL REGULATION DISCUSSION**

General Manager Lucchesi provided the Board a presentation on the Advanced Clean Fleet (ACF) order from the California Air Resources Control Board. Lucchesi also provided the Board a summary of the regulation of the upcoming rules regarding the In-Use Off-Road Diesel Equipment. Lucchesi got a proposal from a contractor to help PID work towards compliance with the regulation. The Board requested that Lucchesi look into performing compliance in-house to save the District money and come back with an idea of what that would look like.

Lucchesi had a call with Mark Smith and representatives of the Advanced Clean Fleet regulation staff at the CARB. Lucchesi stated that PID needs to move forward with retirement of its older vehicles that are 8,500 lbs GVWR and replacing them prior to the law that will require their replacement post 2027 to be zero emissions. Lucchesi stated that staff will work on getting quotes to first replace the F650 dump trucks.

In addition, Lucchesi added that the in-use off road diesel regulation order is also requiring PID to retire all of its tier 0 equipment by 2028 and upgrade them to tier 4 final compliance. Lucchesi stated that the plan would be to retire the JCB backhoe in 2024, the CAT backhoe in 2025, the CASE backhoe in 2026, and finally the CAT grader in 2027. Lucchesi presented to the Board a proposal on a replacement CASE backhoe pricing, the Board directed Lucchesi to get quotes on CAT and John Deere as well.

**EQUIPMENT RATES DISCUSSION**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board the revised equipment rate sheets to include the vac trailer and revised the sheet to remove rental rates but to be equipment rates. The Board liked the approach and that the new sheet will be provided in the flyer for the 2024 water rate/allocations.

**TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT AGREEMENT TIMELINE DISCUSSION**

General Manager Lucchesi provided to the Board a summary memorandum developed by Cameron-Daniel on the current agreements with TID. Lucchesi noted that in the agreements the Service Area Agreement (SAA) with TID will have the soonest expiration in 2028. It was recommended that PID engage with TID in 2024 to start the process of developing a new SAA. Lucchesi stated that this will be included in the 2024 budget under legal to start the process, its anticipated that this process will take some time because of the parties that are involved.

Lucchesi added that Bruce McLaughlin will facilitate this process. And that staff have a call setup for the beginning of the year to go over the agreement and to start the process of amending or creating a new agreement.

**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
- California Farmwater Coalition
- 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
  
- 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 2:41 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: Anthea Hansen, General Manager DPWD

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

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PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PER GOVERNMENT  
CODE SECTION 54957  
TITLE: GENERAL MANAGER

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

**Action Items**

**DISCUSS AND ACTION ON 2023 PERFORMANCE BASED COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT FOR PID GENERAL MANAGER AND ADOPTION OF 2024 PERFORMANCE CRITERIA FOR 2024 GENERAL MANAGER REIVEW**

President Barbaste presented to the Board for consideration a year-end performance-based bonus for General Manager Lucchesi of 10% of his base wages for 2023.

After a thorough discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to provide the General Manager a year-end performance based bonus of 10% of his base wages for 2023. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

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

**OTHER ITEMS**

Nothing to report

**UPCOMING BOARD MEETING(S)**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2024 as a Regular Board meeting but may be moved to the following week

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Toni Russell, Secretary