

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

February 21, 2024

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

Directors Absent:

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:

- 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 1:06 p.m.

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CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

General Manager Lucchesi requested to include action on the North-South Transfer Activity Agreement with the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority. The item was provided to staff after the posting of the agenda and requires action by the Board.

After a thorough discussion Director Robinson made a motion to add action on North-South Transfer Agreement as agenda item 14. Seconded by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT ITEMS:

Agenda Items 9 – 10 Board to Consider: a) January 17, 2024 Regular PID GSA Board Meeting, January 17, 2024 Regular PID Board Meeting, and February 1, 2024 Special Board Meeting b) Financial Report, and the Cash Disbursements Report for the month ending in January.

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM SIERRA CONTROLS FOR AUTOMATION WORK ON MAIN CANAL REHABILITATION PROJECT SCHEDULE B WORK

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a proposal from Sierra Controls for \$720,995 for the automation work associated with the Schedule B improvements of the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project. Lucchesi noted that he had anticipated that their proposal was going to be around \$400,000 and that was what the budget was set for. Lucchesi also noted that due to the higher cost of the proposal, Lucchesi stated that rather than replacing three backhoes in 2024, just replace one at \$160,000 and re-allocate the savings towards the Sierra Controls work for a net zero impact on the PID budget.

After a thorough discussion Director Azevedo made a motion to approve the Proposal from Sierra Controls. Second by Director Robinson and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER ACQUISITION OF BACKHOES

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a proposal from Pape Machinery for a John Deere 410 P-Tier Backhoe Loader for \$164,561. Lucchesi noted that this proposal includes a cab, a digging bucket and the main loader equipment is priced using the Sourcewell contract. Lucchesi noted that the acquisition of this Backhoe is to replace the JCB Backhoe, with the goal of replacing a backhoe a year in compliance with the in-use off road diesel equipment program to move all equipment to tier-4 engines. Director Barbaste suggested to pursue a acquiring an extended warranty

After a thorough discussion Director Azevedo made a motion to approve the purchase of one model 410 Backhoe from John Deere. Second by Director Robinson and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF NEW TRUCKS

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a proposal from McAuley Ford for the purchase of a Supercab F350 flatbed gas truck prepped with a gooseneck at \$69,509.82 including taxes. Lucchesi noted that this truck is intended to replace either the Dodge 2500 flat bed or the Ford F450 flat bed truck.

In addition, Lucchesi presented a proposal from Folsom Ford for a Ford F650 chassis cab for \$76,421.00 not including taxes. The F650 is to replace one of the older F650's. This new truck will have a gravel bed installed as well, once the truck has arrived to PID.

The purchase of these two trucks is an attempt to replace all PID trucks that have a GVWR of 8,500 lbs or greater to extend the lifespan of this fleet and to buy more time for compliance with the new Central Valley Air Resources Control Board Advance Clean Fleet Regulation. These purchases are in line with the goal to have all the trucks replaced by 2027 and are in the current PID budget.

After a thorough discussion Director Robinson made a motion to approve the purchase of the two trucks. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE NORTH-SOUTH TRANSFER ACTIVITY AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN LUIS DELTA MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board the Activity Agreement with the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority for PID's participation of no more than 0.91% of the total participation in the activity agreement. Lucchesi noted that this was agreed to by the Board at a previous meeting and the Activity Agreement members voted to allow PID and Eagle Field Water District to become members with the Agreement.

After a thorough discussion Director Azevedo made a motion to Authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of PID. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: None

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

2024 PID NEWSLETTER

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board the draft 2024 newsletter. Lucchesi noted that the featured employee section wasn't complete yet but contains all of the information that was desired to be conveyed. Lucchesi requested if the Board if they had any feedback about the newsletter prior to sending it out. The Board liked the proposed newsletter.

SEXUAL HARRASSMENT TRAINING

General Manager Lucchesi noted to the Board that there will be a district-wide sexual harassment training that will occur the week before the next Board meeting and all Board members with the exception of Dave Fantozzi are required to attend. In addition, Lucchesi noted that all staff are required to attend the 1 hour training in the morning. All sessions are planned to be at the Westley Firehouse.

FORM 700'S

General Manager Lucchesi noted to the Board that their Form 700's are due by April 1.

2024 BOARD ELECTIONS FOR DIVISION 1, 2 AND 4

General Manager Lucchesi told the Board that the seats for Division 1, 2 and 4 are up for election this fall. If Board members Barbaste, Scheuber and Fantozzi wish to run again for their seat, they must go to the county in July to file for their candidacy.

PID RATE SETTING POLICY DISCUSSION

General Manager Lucchesi noted that during the past two meetings the Board had issues with raising the water rates and having a discussion on why. Lucchesi requested for the Board to provide guidance on how they wish like to proceed into the future when dealing with rates.

Lucchesi presented to the Board the current reserve policy, where all outside revenue is put into an undedicated reserve account. At the end of the year, the undedicated reserve account is intended to be divided up between the subsidy reserve, capital reserve and operating reserve accounts. The Board is supposed to decide on how to allocate these funds at the beginning of the year. In the years since this policy has been in place, staff allocated funds to the rate subsidy first then to the capital reserve. However, in recent years, costs have gone up so dramatically, that the subsidy reserve has grown from \$2 million in 2019 to now \$2.9 million without substantially addressing rates.

Director Azevedo then asked Lucchesi to come up with a proposal to present to the Board in the future. President Barbaste assigned Director Azevedo to work with General Manager Lucchesi to come up with a proposed policy for the Board to consider.

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
- 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 3:12 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, Del Puerto Water District

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

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Land APN 047-005-025

Agency Negotiator: Vince Lucchesi, General Manager

Negotiating Parties: Greg Nunes, Landowner

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

The Board returned to open session 3:32 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 March 20, 2024 as a Regular Board meeting.

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vince Lucchesi, General Manager