

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

April 17, 2024

The Patterson Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by President Barbaste

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

Directors Absent:

Others Present:	Vince Lucchesi	General Manager
	Toni Russell	Secretary/Treasurer
	Greg Reichmuth	Water Operations Supervisor
	Jeanne Zolezzi	General Counsel
	Mark Smith	Policy Consultant
	Erik Johnson	The Water Agency
	Mitch Partovi	The Water Agency

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 GSP has an additional provision that has deep well pumping to be reduced by 25%.
 - Lucchesi also noted that the Coordination Committee created a backstop for the GSP in the event that exceedances keep occurring after projects and management actions and the policies are in place; that a groundwater pumping allocation will be considered for the area that is impacting that representative monitoring site.
 - Lucchesi noted that on April 23, the Northern Delta-Mendota group will be hosting SWRCB staff and Chair Joaquin Esquivel to tour our area to showcase the projects we're implementing and discussion the actions we're implementing to have a successful GSP.
- GSP Implementation

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD TO CONSIDER POLICY ON PROPOSED DEEP WELLS WITHIN THE PID GSA BOUNDARY

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board the draft policy on the construction of new and/or replacement irrigation wells within the District. The policy is a moratorium on any of these wells to have perforations below the Corcoran Clay. There is an exemption for this policy for all wells that have been authorized prior to this point.

Director Azevedo made a motion to approve the deep well policy. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER A MODIFICATION TO THE WELL METER POLICY FOR THE PID GSA

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the board a modification to the existing well metering policy regarding well owners who are reluctant to subscribe their wells to the well metering program and are not installing and/or are maintaining their well meters.

Lucchesi identified that the new policy will provide staff the ability to provide notice to the well owners that they need to get their wells subscribed, have meters installed on them, and to maintain them. In the event the wells are not subscribed, have meters or are being maintained; the District reserves the right to notify the landowner that they have 60 days to comply or the District will install the meter and/or repair the meter and we will bill the well owner for the expense.

Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve the updates to the well meter policy. Second by Director Robinson and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

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The Patterson Irrigation District Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:19 p.m. by President Barbaste

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

Directors Absent:

Others Present:	Vince Lucchesi	General Manager
	Toni Russell	Secretary/Treasurer
	Greg Reichmuth	Water Operations Supervisor
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CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT ITEMS:

11 – 12 Board to Consider: a) March 20, 2024 Regular PID GSA Board Meeting, March 20, 2024 Regular PID Board Meeting, and March 21, 2024 Special PID Board Meeting b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, Reserves Update and Budget to Actual for the month ending in March.

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CLOSED SESSION:

President Barbaste announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 1:25 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: Water

Agency Negotiator: Vince Lucchesi, General Manager

Negotiating Parties: TBD

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION

(Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

1 potential Case

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

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

Patterson Irrigation District v City of Patterson, Stanislaus County,
Alameda County Superior Court Case No. CV-22-004288

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT DISCUSSION

(Government Code Section 54957)

POSITION: GENERAL MANAGER

The Board returned to open session 2:18 p.m. President Barbaste reported no action was taken in closed session.

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD TO RATIFY EXECUTION OF WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH PACHECO WATER DISTRICT FOR 400 AF OF 2024-25 SOD CVP AG WATER

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board the executed agreement with Pacheco Water District for 400 AF for \$375/AF gross. Lucchesi requested the Board to ratify the execution of the agreement.

After a thorough discussion Director Scheuber made a motion to ratify the execution of the agreement with the Pacheco Water District. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD TO ACCEPT THE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE SYCAMORE RANCH PROJECT AND TO DIRECT THE GENERAL MANGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS AND ACCEPT THE EASEMENTS DEDICATED AS PART OF THE PROJECT

General Manager Lucchesi presented the agreements from the Sycamore Ranch Project. Lucchesi noted that these agreements were executed in 2021, but the project wasn't completed until early 2023. Lucchesi stated that he was waiting for the contractor to video the pipelines to show the joints to evaluate their integrity for leaking. Lucchesi stated that he received the videos and the pipelines seem sufficiently installed and the project needs to be accepted by the Board of Directors per the agreements.

After a thorough discussion Director Azevedo made a motion to accept the improvements for the Sycamore Ranch Project and to authorize the General Manager to facilitate the acceptance of the easements and to quitclaim PID's interest in the two properties that the project was located on. Second by Director Robinson and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD TO ACCEPT THE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MEJIA PROJECT AND TO DIRECT THE GENERAL MAANGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS AND ACCEPT THE EASEMENTS DEDICATED AS PART OF THE PROJECT

General Manager Lucchesi presented the agreements from the Mejia or Cromwell Shire Project. Lucchesi noted that these agreements were executed in 2021, but the project wasn't completed until early 2022. Lucchesi stated that he was waiting for the contractor to video the pipelines to show the joints to evaluate their integrity for leaking. That the contractor didn't video the pipeline, but the improvements have been in for two years and no leaks have shown up. Because the pipeline hasn't leaked and there will be a 1 year warranty on the project after the acceptance Lucchesi recommended the Board accepts the Project per the agreements.

After a thorough discussion Director Azevedo made a motion to accept the improvements for the Mejia Project and to authorize the General Manager to facilitate the acceptance of the easements and to quitclaim PID's interest in the two properties that the project was located on. Second by Director Robinson and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM SIERRA CONTROLS FOR THE AUTOMATION OF THE TRAVELING SCREENS AT PUMPING PLANT 6

General Manager Lucchesi presented a proposal for the automation of the traveling screens at Pumping Plant 6 for \$22,714.55. Lucchesi noted to the Board that this work is being requested because when the pumps are fired up, someone must start the screens manually. Sometimes the pump station is turned on and the screens are not running yet; as a result, the screens are pulled into their frames and damage the running equipment. Lucchesi requested the Board consider this proposal as a way to protect the traveling screens investment into the future.

After a thorough discussion Director Azevedo made a motion to accept the proposal from Sierra Controls. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

REPORT ITEMS:

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Water Operations Supervisor Reichmuth 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 and Mark Smith provided updates on the lobbying efforts for the East-West Conveyance project in the State and Federal Government.

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
- ACWA Newsletter
- California Farmwater Coalition
- 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

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 2024 PERFORMANCE MEASURES AMEDMENT TO GENERAL MANAGERS CONTRACT

Lucchesi presented to the Board proposed performance metrics for 2024 for the General Manager that were developed with Director Alan Scheuber.

After a thorough discussion Director Scheuber made a motion to authorize the Board President to execute the performance metrics for the General Manager. Second by Director Azevedo and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

OTHER ITEMS

Nothing to report

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING(S)

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2024

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vince Lucchesi, General Manager