

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

May 15, 2024

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Directors Absent: John Azevedo

Others Present:	Vince Lucchesi	General Manager
	Toni Russell	Secretary/Treasurer
	Greg Reichmuth	Water Operations Supervisor

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
- GSP Implementation

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

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CONSENT ITEMS:

9 – 10 Board to Consider: a) April 17, 2024 Regular PID GSA Board Meeting, and April 17, 2024 Regular PID Board Meeting b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, Reserves Update and Budget to Actual for the month ending in April.

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD TO CONSIDER ACQUISITION OF 410 JOHN DEERE BACKHOE

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board the need to replace the CAT Backhoe. Lucchesi noted that the backhoe is on borrowed time and is having substantial blow-by with oil consumption up to 4 quarts of oil a day. Lucchesi noted that the plan was to replace one backhoe a year, but the previous purchase was to replace the JCB backhoe but the CAT has become the worst offender.

Board members Barbaste and Scheuber suggested to buy some time with the CAT, maybe look into having the engine rebuilt, the cost for the rebuild may offset the value of the backhoe if we were to sell it. After a thorough discussion the Board directed GM Lucchesi to look into getting a cost for rebuilding the engine on the CAT backhoe and bring it back to the Board at the June Meeting and to also bring the action item to purchase a new backhoe so they have the flexibility to decide.

BOARD TO RATIFY EXECUTION OF WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENT TO BLUE SKY FARMS FOR UP TO 4,000 ACRE-FEET OF 2023 AND 2024 CVP SOD AG ALLOCATED WATER

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the board the executed agreements with Blue Sky farms for a transfer for up to 4,000 AF of water at \$375/acre-foot.

After a brief discussion Director Fantozzi made a motion to ratify the execution of the water transfer agreement with Blue Sky Farms and Patterson Irrigation District for up to 4,000 AF of PID's allocated CVP SOD ag allocated water at \$375/AF, second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATION WITH BANTA CARBONA IRRIGATION DISTRICT WEST STANISLAUS IRRIGATION DISTRICT FOR PROMOTIONAL VIDEO FOR PREDATION STUDY WORK ON THE LOWER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board the proposal from J Comm, Inc. for the development of a documentary style video incorporating interviews from the leaders of the various water agencies and regulatory agencies identifying the need for this work. Lucchesi stated that PID help fund the previous video and this one will be additional marketing information to bring on additional partners into the future. Lucchesi noted that the costs for the video are quoted at \$21,850, and would be split equally between BCID, WSID and PID.

After a brief discussion Director Scheuber made a motion to continue to support the development of the second video and to cost share with BCID and WSID, second by Director Robinson and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE WITH ACWA/JPIA

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a form for the Board to adopt a commitment to excellence with the ACWA/JPIA. The commitment shows that PID is committed to implementing the best practices for reducing the potential and frequency of vehicle losses, infrastructure related losses, construction related losses, employment practices claims, ergonomic and fall injuries and wildfire prevention. Lucchesi noted that staff have undertaken quite a few improvements across the district to make the work site more safe to prevent injuries and ACWA has grant award programs that will reimburse PID for these efforts.

After a brief discussion Director Robinson made a motion to continue to sign onto the commitment to excellence with the ACWA/JPIA, second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER WITH ARNAUDO CONSTRUCTION FOR ACCELERATING TIMELINE FOR PAD MOUNTED TRANSFORMERS

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board Change Order No. 1 with Arnaudo Construction for the pad mounted transformers. Lucchesi noted that this is early to typically request a change order on a project; however, at the time the project was bid, the supplier for the transformers provided the bidders their estimate for the transformers, but provided a lead time that was almost a year beyond the completion date. The time the proposal came in for the transformers was a day before the bids were due and the electrical contractor didn't have time to be able to find a transformer that had a lead time to meet the schedule provided.

PID, Arnaudo, Stantec, and Bockman and Woody met to discuss schedule and options to get the transformers on site to allow Arnaudo to meet the schedule. Bockman and Woody acknowledged that the lead time was provided at the time of bidding for the Eaton Transformer, but they had no other option at the time of bidding and all contractors bidding the job were in the same situation.

The transformer that provided the most reasonable timeline and costs for delivery provided an additional cost of \$23,660.73 for a transformer manufactured by Maddox. These transformers met the specifications and were approved by John Calton prior to the approval being provided to PID.

After a brief discussion Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve Change Order 1 with Arnaudo Construction, second by Director Robinson and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

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 provided updates on the lobbying efforts for the East-West Conveyance project in the State and Federal Government. Lucchesi noted that he will be heading to Washington DC on May 20 and 21 to attend the signing of the drought plan.

BOARD TO DISCUSS MODIFICATION TO EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY FOR CELL PHONE USAGE FOR TIMECARD SYSTEM

General Manager Lucchesi noted to the Board that he is looking into a new timekeeping system for staff to be more accurate and have a system for tracking lunch periods. Lucchesi found a good program, however it also acts as an app on the phone and Lucchesi requested the Board to allow him to proceed into looking into policies that will reimburse staff to use their phones and to work with the Union to have a policy that the union will find acceptable as well.

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
- ACWA Newsletter
- 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:

Director Scheuber provided a report from the Spring ACWA conference in Sacramento. He provided a summary of a proposition 218 presentation he went to.

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: Anthea Hansen, Del Puerto Water District

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

The Board returned to open session 3:07 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 June 19, 2024

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vince Lucchesi, General Manager