

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

August 21, 2024

The Patterson Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by President Barbaste

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

Directors Absent: Daniel Robinson

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

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2024 SINGLE GSP FOR THE DELTA-MENDOTA SUB-BASIN

President Barbaste Opened the Public hearing at 1:06 p.m.

President Barbaste reported the purpose of the hearing is to provide the public the opportunity to provide comments on the 2024 single Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin

President Barbaste introduced the guidelines for public comment and the public hearing

General Manager Lucchesi provided a presentation on the 2024 Single Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin

President Barbaste opened the public hearing for public comment and testimony from the Public. No comments or testimony were provided by the public

President Barbaste closed the public hearing at 1:18 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 02-2024 OF THE PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
ACTING AS THE PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2024 DELTA-MENDOTA SUB-BASIN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

General Manager Lucchesi presented resolution 02-2024 to the Board of Directors. Lucchesi noted that this is the action after the public hearing on the GSP>

After a brief discussion Director Azevedo made a motion to adopt resolution 02-2024, second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: Robinson

Abstain: 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 1:23 p.m.

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August 21, 2024

The Patterson Irrigation District Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:23 p.m. by President Barbaste

Directors Present: Richard Barbaste, Alan Scheuber, David Fantozzi, Daniel Robinson (arrived at 2PM), John Azevedo

Directors Absent: None

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

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT ITEMS:

11 – 12 Board to Consider: a) July 17, 2024 Regular PID GSA Board Meeting, and July 17, 2024 Regular PID Board Meeting b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, Reserves Update and Budget to Actual for the month ending in July.

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: Robinson

Abstain: None

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD TO RATIFY WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR UP TO 1,635 AF OF 2024-25 SOD AG CVP WATER TO WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT

General Manager Lucchesi provided to the Board water transfer documents for transferring up to 1,635 AF of 2024-25 CVP SOD Ag Water to Westlands Water District for \$225/AF.

After a brief discussion Director Azevedo made a motion to ratify the water transfer agreement, second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo

Noes: None
Absent: Robinson
Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE PID HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION PLAN AND ADJUSTING SHOP BUDGET TO ACCOMMODATE INDOOR HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION EQUIPMENT

General Manager Lucchesi presented an updated Heat Illness Prevention Plan that included the new indoor standard for heat illness prevention. Lucchesi noted that Cal OSHA has been working on this standard for a couple of years and wanted to adopt it soon so it can go in effect for the summer of 2024. The new standard was adopted and went into effect in July 2024 after the last PID meeting. Staff worked with the union for the development of the document. Lucchesi noted that we will need to update the budget to include funding for ceiling fans in the shop and a mobile condensing unit to provide cooling in the shop when the temperature in the shop exceeds the indoor standard.

After a brief discussion Director Azevedo made a motion to adopt the updates to the heat illness prevention plan, second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

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

BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTING TO THE REVISION TO THE DISTRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS

General Manager Lucchesi noted that in the strategic plan that staff were directed to review policies to see if there was any updates required. Staff reviewed the policies and only found that the Rules and Regulations needed updating. Lucchesi noted that the drainage components for the rules are too laborious and hard to implement. Lucchesi noted that the goal of the drainage rules was to regulate the discharge of dirty water into PID facilities.

Lucchesi provided a modification to the Rules that mirrors the methodology that the State has applied to dirty discharges into streams. The States method is a graduated measurement methodology utilizing a turbidity meter, where the upstream turbidity determines the allowed downstream increase in turbidity. PID already has a turbidity meter and this method would be easy to implement and to manage.

After a brief discussion Director Azevedo made a motion to amend the District Rules and Regulations, second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

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

BOARD TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM TRIPEPI-SMITH FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNICATIONS PLAN AND ADJUSTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BUDGET

General Manager Lucchesi provided a proposal from Tripepi-Smith for the development of a communications plan at \$42,290 split into two tasks. The first task is an assessment of PID's current communications at \$28,740; the second task is the development of a Strategic Communications Plan at \$13,550. Lucchesi noted that this was requested by the Board in the

Strategic Plan to elevate the District in the community. Lucchesi noted that with the impending \$40 million of work that is upcoming and the lack of attendance at grower workshops, its concerning that the growers are unaware of whats going on with the District and need to be informed. Lucchesi noted that the plan will provide guidance on how to reach our landowners and water users.

The Board wished to proceed with the contract with Tripepi-Smith, but requested that the scope for the Communications Assessment be reduced to a Platforms level review and be adjusted if needed to the Express Communications Assessment.

After a brief discussion Director Scheuber made a motion to approve the agreement with Tripepi-Smith for an amount of \$26,270, second by Director Azevedo and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: Robinson

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM GREGG DRILLING FOR CPT TESTING OF ELM PROPERTY RECHARGE PROJECT AND ADJUSTING THE CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

Director Robinson arrived at the meeting at the start of this agenda item.

General Manager Lucchesi provided a proposal from Gregg Drilling for Cone Penetration Testing (CPT) to log and classify the soils beneath the Elm Avenue Recharge Project property. The CPT testing is the next step in evaluating the project to ensure the project is viable, after the CPT testing is performed, we will then proceed with doing an isotope study and checking the rate of when the recharge water leaves the site and ultimately finds its way back to the San Joaquin River.

After a brief discussion Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve the proposal from Gregg Drilling for CPT testing, second by Director Robinson and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP WITH THE CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

General Manager Lucchesi notified to the Board that CSDA is providing a discount for the month of August for new members on annual dues. Lucchesi noted that staff have been attending the CSDA Board Secretary Conference every year, and staff started to attend the General Manager Leadership Summit put on by CSDA. Lucchesi noted that resources provided by CSDA have helped with staff development and strategic planning implementation, membership would help provide more access to resources, however annual membership would be around \$8,600.

After a brief discussion, no action was taken.

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 Policy Consultant Mark Smith provided updates on the lobbying efforts for the East-West Conveyance project in the State and Federal Government. Lucchesi and Smith also updated the Board on the status of the \$500,000 Appropriations for the appraisal study and the \$40 million from the Inflation Reduction Act for the drought plan support for the construction of the East-West conveyance project.

Lucchesi presented SB 1390 – Caballero. SLDMWA staff are requesting for support to amendments to the bill to have consideration regarding excess operations in the Delta that would imply that the Delta is in flood stage, but regulatory limitations impact pumping at the Jones and Banks pumping facilities.

Mark Smith provided an update on State affairs noting on the status of the climate bond and other laws being considered that may affect PID.

DRAINAGE DISTRICTS IN PID DISCUSSION

Director Scheuber provided a discussion on the two drainage districts that run through PID, Storm Drain District Number 8, the Marshall Drainage District, and the Spanish Land Grant Drain. PID does not have jurisdiction on these facilities but as projects move forward, such as development projects or PID's operations, these facilities are impacted. Director Scheuber wished to have a discussion on how PID staff could address issues in the Past.

Director Robinson stated that there is property tax being collected for these Districts for the maintenance, and the County is supposed to be responsible for collecting the funds and performing the maintenance. Director Scheuber added that in years prior, the county would request PID to perform the work and be reimbursed. Lucchesi noted that PID staff perform maintenance as needed, in addition, PID staff have sent over an agreement with SDD8 to take over O&M for the stretches of the pipeline that are utilized by PID and the issues that are caused by PID's operations.

BOARD HANDBOOK AND BOARD GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board the draft Board Handbook and Board Governance Documents. Lucchesi noted that these documents were requested in the Strategic Plan, and are in draft waiting for the Board to review these documents.

Lucchesi requested that the Board review the documents prior to the September meeting and to provide him notes. Lucchesi noted that he will bring these documents to the September Board meeting for consideration for action.

2024 PID HOLIDAY PARTY DISCUSSION

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a rate sheet from 10 Pin Bowling Fun Center. Lucchesi noted that he wanted to do a different holiday party for the crew than what we have done in the past. He wanted something that included the employees family and thought this was a good

option. Lucchesi requested the Board to provide guidance if they were okay with this process. Lucchesi thought that doing a 2 hour party at \$800 per hour and food may be around \$30-40 per person. The Board told Lucchesi this was okay and to move forward with bowling.

ACWA FALL 2024

General Manager Lucchesi noted to the Board that ACWA will be December 3-5 at Palm Desert and wanted to know who is planning on going. Directors Scheuber, Azevedo, and Barbaste stated they will attend and Water Operations Supervisor Reichmuth stated he would attend as well.

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON 3N LEAK AT OLIVE AVENUE

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board that 3N at Olive Avenue was found to be leaking when Teichert exposed the pipe while they are working on the development of Villages of Patterson. There wasn't a leak when they installed the pipeline leading up to this location, but now there is a leak.

Lucchesi noted that since it is leaking its PID's responsibility, but since we're in the throws of irrigation season we cannot shut down. Lucchesi noted that Teichert is proposing PID use a contractor that does grout injection to seal up the potential leaks at a cost ranging from \$5,000-\$20,000. PID has used a contractor that uses mortar and hand applies the material and that cost may be around \$10,000, but the grout injection would be a better process.

After a brief discussion, the Board recommended that staff go with grout injection and to work with Teichert to get it done.

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
 - Lucchesi noted to the Board that he met with Director Azevedo to go over the rate study requested in the Strategic Plan. Lucchesi noted that he has reached out to various contractors to get an estimate for a rate study that includes an implementation plan in the event an increase is required. Lucchesi hopes that the proposals can be available by the next Board Meeting in September.
- 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 4:00 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: Dana Jacobsen & Cindy Kao, Valley Water

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

a. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

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

California Sportfishing Protection Alliance v Patterson Irrigation District GSA,

Stanislaus County Superior Court Case No. CV-20-001748

Patterson Irrigation District v City of Patterson, Stanislaus County, Alameda

County Superior Court Case No. CV-22-004288

The Board returned to open session 4:20 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 September 18, 2024

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vince Lucchesi, General Manager