

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

October 16, 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, Daniel Robinson

Directors Absent: None

Others Present:	Vince Lucchesi	General Manager
	Toni Russell	Secretary/Treasurer
	Greg Reichmuth	Water Operations Supervisor
	Mark Smith	Smith Policy Consulting
	Lilly Selke	General Counsel
	Matt Brady	Farmland Reserve

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

General Manager Lucchesi requested the Board add an action item for PID's professional services budget by \$39,000 to consider evaluation of PID and WSID sustainability and SGMA compliance by EKI Environmental. Lucchesi noted that this item was new since the agenda was posted because it was provided to him in the morning prior to the meeting.

Director Azevedo made a motion to approve the inclusion of the action item. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD TO CONSIDER ADJUSTMENT OF THE 2024 PID BUDGET BY \$39,000 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WEST STANISLAUS IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO EVALUATE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE AREA AND EVALUATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH SGMA AND THE ADOPTED GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a proposal from EKI Environmental for support work to evaluate WSID and PID's water balance, projects and management actions, and other activities by the Districts to evaluate compliance with SGMA and to determine any additional adjustments needed by each agency to become sustainable in compliance with the adopted GSP and pumping reduction plans.

Lucchesi noted that this work is important for our area to aid in determine our sustainability in the event that the State Board determines that our sub-basin is recommended for probation from the staff report that will come out in December. Our sub-basin will only have 30 days to provide a response to that staff report and we won't have enough time to do the evaluation if we don't start now.

After a few brief questions, Director Azevedo made a motion to approve the work with EKI and to adjust the 2024 PID budget. Second by Director Robinson and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER REPLACEMENT WELL APPLICATION 23-90 FOR TWIN OAKS IRRIGATION COMPANY

General Manager Lucchesi presented the Board a request for consideration of the replacement well by Twin Oaks Irrigation Company. The proposed well was approved to be moved to the upper aquifer, but Stanislaus County found that the well cannot be constructed at its location because of the necessary setbacks of their ordinance for new upper aquifer wells. PID GSA's ordinance for new wells is a moratorium on any new wells or replacements that are perforated below the Corcoran Clay. Lucchesi noted that this causes an issue with Twin Oaks since the existing well is a deep well.

Matt Brady with Farmland Reserve who manages the Twin Oaks Irrigation Company noted that they are in a pickle in this situation. He stated that they and the driller want to do an upper aquifer well, but the county is pushing them to drill a lower aquifer well.

Director Scheuber felt that there is a need to have this item discussed later with Supervisor Condit present to understand the challenges that are being faced with new wells. Scheuber recognizes that there is a need to reduce extractions from the lower aquifer, but that the Supervisor needs to hear this discussion to bring back to the County to revise or reconsider their ordinance.

After a brief discussion President Barbaste tabled the action item until staff can schedule a special meeting with the Supervisor to discuss this item.

REPORT ITEMS:

SGMA UPDATE:

General Manager Lucchesi provided a report in the board packet regarding:

- Single GSP Status
- Pumping Reduction Plan Discussion
- GSP Implementation

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

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The Patterson Irrigation District Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:44 p.m. by President Barbaste

Directors Present: Richard Barbaste (excused himself at 2:30 p.m.), Alan Scheuber, David Fantozzi, John Azevedo, Daniel Robinson

Directors Absent: None

Others Present:	Vince Lucchesi	General Manager
	Toni Russell	Secretary/Treasurer
	Greg Reichmuth	Water Operations Supervisor
	Mark Smith	Smith Policy Consulting
	Lilly Selke	General Counsel

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT ITEMS:

10 – 11 Board to Consider: a) September 18, 2024 Regular PID GSA Board Meeting, and September 18, 2024 Regular PID Board Meeting b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, Reserves Update and Budget to Actual for the month ending in September.

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR GIS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH DEVELOPPER AND TO ADJUST THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BUDGET

General Manager Lucchesi presented two proposals for GIS services for the same level of work. The proposal is the first phase in GIS work with incorporating all of PID's managed databases, map all of PID's parcels and infrastructure. The second phase would incorporate O&M management and photos of infrastructure. The final phase would to fold the SCADA programs to the GIS mapping as well.

Lucchesi noted that although the work products will be the same, the costs attributed would be implemented differently. The first proposal was for time and materials from Provost and Pritchard at \$27,000, the second was for time and materials and then has a monthly hosting fee that would be on-going from CalCAD in Modesto at \$22,000 with a hosting fee of \$495 a month.

After a brief discussion, Director Robinson made a motion to approve a contract with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group for GIS Services. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo, Robinson

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 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.

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.

Mark Smith also provided an update on the election.

EMERGENCY PROJECTS PLANNING AND BUDGET DISCUSSION

As part of the 2023 strategic plan, General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board an Emergency Projects Planning and Budget memorandum. Lucchesi noted that this was developed in concert with Allan Hooper and Water Operations Supervisor Greg Reichmuth to be better prepared to tackle emergencies and to do repairs faster and not have to wait for the winter maintenance season to address issue. Lucchesi noted that this plan was to recommend staffing, equipment, and materials to be better prepared in the future.

Lucchesi requested that the Board take this plan back with them to review and consider for adoption at the November 20 Board meeting.

2023 STRATEGIC PLAN QUARTERLY UPDATE

General Manager Lucchesi provided a third quarter update on the 2023 strategic plan implementation. Lucchesi noted that all items for 2024 are either adopted and in place or are set to be finalized by the end of 2024.

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 noted on items being considered for the 2025 budget.
- Lucchesi provided a report on Water Operations

DIRECTORS BRIEFING:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

Vice President Fantozzi announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 2:52 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

The Board returned to open session 3:00 p.m. Vice President Fantozzi reported no action was taken in closed session.

OTHER ITEMS

Nothing to report

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING(S)

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November, 2024

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vince Lucchesi, General Manager