

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

November 20, 2024

The Patterson Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by President Barbaste

Directors Present: Richard Barbaste, Alan Scheuber, David Fantozzi, John Azevedo (arrived at 1:10 PM)

Directors Absent: Daniel Robinson

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**BOARD TO CONSIDER REVISED COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE DELTA-MENDOTA SUB-BASIN AND THE SAN LUIS AND DELTA MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY**

General Manager Lucchesi presented the revised cost-share agreement with the Delta Mendota Sub-Basin and the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority since the single GSP was adopted and the structure of the Coordination Committee was modified.

After a brief discussion, Director Scheuber made a motion to approve cost-share agreement with the Delta- Mendota Sub Basin and the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority. Second by Director Barbaste and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi

Noes: None

Absent: Robinson, Azevedo

Abstain: None

**BOARD TO CONSIDER THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHERN DELTA MENDOTA ACTIVITY AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN LUIS AND DELTA MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board the third amendment to the Northern Delta-Mendota Activity Agreement with the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority. The amendment is intended to address the cost share modification with the Coordination Committee and the restructuring of the Coordination Committee. In addition, the agreement includes the well mitigation policy.

After a brief discussion, Director Barbaste made a motion to approve cost-share agreement with the third amendment to the Northern Delta-Mendota Activity Agreement with the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi

Noes: None

Absent: Robinson, Azevedo

Abstain: None

### **BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE NORTHERN ZONE OF THE DELTA-MENDOTA SUB-BASIN PUMPING REDUCTION PLAN**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board the final pumping reduction plan for the zone 3 area or the northern area of the Delta-Mendota Sub-basin. Lucchesi noted that this plan has been discussed over the past year and its implications for implementation.

After a brief discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to approve the pumping reduction plan for the northern zone of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin. 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:

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

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

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The Patterson Irrigation District Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:18 p.m. by President Barbaste

Directors Present: Richard Barbaste (excused himself at 2:45 p.m.), 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
	Mark Smith	Smith Policy Consulting
	Lilly Selke	General Counsel

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

12 – 13 Board to Consider: a) October 16, 2024 Regular PID GSA Board Meeting, and October 16, 2024 Regular PID Board Meeting b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, Reserves Update and Budget to Actual for the month ending in October.

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: Robinson

Abstain: None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**BOARD TO RATIFY PURCHASE OF 2015 5,000 LB FORKLIFT FROM JM EQUIPMENT**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a quote for a forklift for the shop from JM Equipment Inc for 17,500. Lucchesi noted that he had mechanic Joe Silva inspect the forklift and noted that it was in good shape and would take care of the needs of the District. Lucchesi noted that this was going to be in the 2025 budget, but the opportunity presented itself and Lucchesi felt it was a good buy.

After a brief discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to approve the ratification of the purchase of the forklift for 17,500 plus tax. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

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

**BOARD TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO TEMPORARY AGREEMENT FOR CONVEYANCE OF WATER WITH FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

General Manager Lucchesi presented an amendment to the contract for the reimbursement of wheeling costs of San Joaquin River Restoration Flows with the Friant Water Authority. Lucchesi noted that staff secured bypass pumping equipment for when the pipeline is installed and operational. Lucchesi noted that this cost is roughly \$46,000 per month. Lucchesi added that if it's a dry year, PID will need this facility to put water in storage. However, if we don't need the facility we can commence wheeling, Friant was amicable to the proposal and was willing to cover their share of the costs if we wheel for them, which worked out to an additional \$23 per acre-foot.

After a brief discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to approve a amendment with the Friant Water Authority for the additional costs for wheeling through the end of February 2025. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

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

**BOARD TO CONSIDER POWER LETTER OF AGREEMENTS 5659 AND 5565 WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT AND ANY ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE RENEWAL OF THE EXISTING WARREN ACT CONTRACTS 5658 AND 5559**

General Manager Lucchesi presented two power letter of agreements for the Board to consider. Lucchesi noted that these agreements are necessary for the future Warren Act Contracts to reimburse the United States Bureau of Reclamation for all power costs related to utilizing Federal Facilities to move PID's water. These power costs are the market rate of power costs and not the Federally Subsidized Power rates that we pay on our CVP contracts.

Lucchesi also requested that in the motion that the Board approve him to execute the necessary contracts to renew the current Warren Act Contracts with USBR into February of 2030.

After a brief discussion, Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve the power letters of agreements and authorized General Manager Lucchesi to execute any additional agreements necessary for the renewal of existing Warren Act Contracts 5658 and 5559. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

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

## **BOARD TO SONCISER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 04-2024 SURPLUS PROPERTY**

General Manager Lucchesi presented resolution 04-2024 for the surplus of the pumps and motors for the now retired Pumping Plans 4 and 5. Lucchesi noted that Don Pedro Pump wishes to pull the pumps and purchase them from PID. Lucchesi noted that we have no need for these pumps into the future and they'll just take up space in the PID yard.

After a brief discussion, Director Fantozzi made a motion to adopt Resolution 04-2024. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: Robinson

Abstain: None

## **BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTION FOR THE EMERGENCY PROEJCTS PLANNING AND BUDGET PLAN**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board the final draft of the Emergency Projects Planning and Budget Plan. Lucchesi noted that he received quotes on all of the equipment and materials necessary of the document and the proposal is pretty expensive. Lucchesi added that this plan doesn't need to be implemented immediately, however this was something that was required in the Strategic Plan for implementation.

Director Barbaste asked Operations Supervisor Reichmuth what was absolutely necessary. Reichmuth provided that a new Full Time Employee is critical and the mini-excavator. Lucchesi added that the skid steer and the bypass pumps can be on hold for future budget years.

After a brief discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to adopt the Emergency Projects Planning and Budget Plan, with the caveat that staff are only authorized to hire the new employee right now and have budgeted for the mini excavator and trailer in 2025, the remaining items will be secured in 2026. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: Robinson

Abstain: None

## **BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL FO PERFORMANCE BASED BONUS FOR PID EMPLOYEES EXCLUDING THE GENERAL MANAGER**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a memo on the 2024 budget and the request to authorize an up to 2% performance based bonus for the employees. Lucchesi noted that this is in the budget every year, but he is requesting the Board to take action to commemorate the great service the crew provided over 2024.

After a brief discussion, Director Scheuber made a motion to approve the up to 2% performance based bonuses for the staff excluding the General Manager. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: Robinson

Abstain: None

## **BOARD TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM ARNAUDO CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE PAD FOR THE PID MATERIALS YARD AND THE DEMOLITION OF PUMPING PLANTS 4 AND 5**

General Manager Lucchesi presented a proposal from Arnaudo construction. In the proposal there was \$40,000 for the demolition of the abandoned pump stations 4 and 5 and \$57,000 for the materials pad for the yard in the District. The pad is proposed to be 6 inches thick and to be 80x30. Lucchesi stated that he requested the quote from Arnaudo for the pad because Arnaudo's crews are already out here working on concrete and it could be something to keep them busy during some down time. Lucchesi also added that the demolition of the pump stations are necessary especially with how close they are to highway 33 and the homeless problems we are experiencing at pump stations 2 and 3.

Lucchesi added that the pad will be a separate contract with Arnaudo and the demolition will be a change order.

After a brief discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to approve a contract Arnaudo Construction. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: Robinson

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.

\*President Barbaste excused himself at 2:45 p.m.

#### **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.

General Manager Lucchesi added that Mark Smith and himself will be heading to Washington D.C. to ensure that the money that was provided for the project is secure going into the next administration.

#### **2024 HOLIDAY PARTY DISCUSSION**

Lucchesi reminded the Board of the upcoming party on December 14, at the 10 Pin Fun Center at 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

## **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 3:30 p.m. to discuss the items below:

### **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Easement with Stanislaus County APN 016-009-002

Agency Negotiator: Robert Pierce, General Manager, WSID

Negotiating Parties: Keith Yamamoto, Landowner

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: Dana Jacobsen & Cindy Kao, Valley Water

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

The Board returned to open session 3:47 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 December 18, 2024

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Vince Lucchesi, General Manager