

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

December 18, 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, and Daniel Robinson

Directors Absent: None

Others Present: Vince Lucchesi General Manager
Greg Reichmuth Water Operations Supervisor

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD TO CONSIDER WELL APPLICATION FOR TWIN OAKS WELL NUMBER 12B

General Manager Lucchesi presented the Letter of Agreement with Twin Oaks regarding a proposed replacement well for well number 12B. They committed to construct the well above the Corcoran clay, to install a flow meter and to also commit to stop pumping in the event water levels indicate the need to reduce pumping. Lucchesi noted that this is consistent with the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and PID's policies.

After a brief discussion, Director Robinson made a motion to make a consistency determination with the construction of the replacement well. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER WELL APPLICATION FOR TWIN OAKS WELL NUMBER 13

General Manager Lucchesi presented the Letter of Agreement with Twin Oaks regarding a proposed replacement well for well number 13. They committed to construct the well above the Corcoran clay, to install a flow meter and to also commit to stop pumping in the event water levels indicate the need to reduce pumping. Lucchesi noted that this is consistent with the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and PID's policies.

After a brief discussion, Director Robinson made a motion to make a consistency determination with the construction of the replacement well. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: None

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 1:17 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, Alan Scheuber, David Fantozzi, John Azevedo, and Daniel Robinson

Directors Absent: None

Others Present: Vince Lucchesi General Manager
Greg Reichmuth Water Operations Supervisor
Mark Smith Smith Policy Group, Policy Consultant

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ACTION ITEMS:

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH J COMM INC

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board a proposal from J Comm, Inc. for doing educational videos on PID's East-West Conveyance Project and to support PID's communication plan. The proposed contract is for \$32,500. Lucchesi noted that we do not have the \$40 million locked in just yet, however the price is more in line with what we anticipated.

After a brief discussion, Director Azevedo proposed to table the vote until the funding is locked in.

REPORT ITEMS:

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.

General Manager Lucchesi and Mark Smith provided an update from the trip to Washington DC. Lucchesi noted that it was a good trip and that it was received well that PID is serious about the funding and to protect the funding for USBR built within the Inflation Reduction Act, of which contains the funding for the East-West Conveyance Project. Lucchesi noted that USBR has a goal of having the funding obligated by January 12.

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.

2025 WATER USERS CONFERENCE

Lucchesi requested interest from the Board on attendance on the upcoming water users conference. All Board members and Greg Reichmuth were interested in attending the conference.

DISCUSSION ON CHANGING FISCAL YEAR

Lucchesi brought up the difficulty in establishing a budget prior to the end of the calendar year without a good understanding of the upcoming water year. Lucchesi requested the board consider completing 2025 fiscal year in December and adjusting the next fiscal year to start on March 1, in line with the USBR water year. The change would be a better approach and would provide opportunity for a better understanding of the upcoming hydrologic cycle in the summer.

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:

President Barbaste announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 2:32 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: Derya Sumer, USBR

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

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Property: Water

Agency Negotiator: Vince Lucchesi, General Manager

Negotiating Parties: Cindy Kao, Valley Water

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

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PER GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 54957

TITLE: GENERAL MANAGER

The Board returned to open session 4:20 p.m. President Barbaste reported no action was taken in closed session.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON 2024 PERFORMANCE BASED COMPENSATION
ADJUSTMENT FOR PID GENERAL MANAGER AND ADOPTION OF 2025 PERFORMANCE
CRITERIA FOR 2025 GENERAL MANAGER REVIEW**

President Barbaste presented to the Board for consideration a year-end performance-based bonus for General Manager Lucchesi of 10% of his base wages for 2024. In addition, President Barbaste presented the goals for General Manager Lucchesi to base the 2025 bonus upon.

After a thorough discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to provide the General Manager a year-end performance based bonus of 10% of his base wages for 2024. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Azevedo, Scheuber, Robinson, Fantozzi

Noes: None

Absent: None
Abstain: None

OTHER ITEMS

Nothing to report

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING(S)

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2025

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Vince Lucchesi, General Manager