

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

January 19, 2025

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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

REPORT ITEMS:

SGMA UPDATE:

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

- Single GSP Status
- GSP Implementation
 - General Manager Lucchesi noted to the Board that for the Round 1 Implementation Grant ISW monitoring well project that the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority isn't contracting with the well driller. SLDMWA is asking the respective GSA's that will have the monitoring wells drilled within their boundaries. Lucchesi noted that PID will contract for the well within our boundaries and will be reimbursed through the grant

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

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	Greg Reichmuth	Water Operations Supervisor
	Mark Smith	Smith Policy Group, Policy Consultant
	Stacy Henderson	Attorney for Human Resources for PID

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

President Barbaste announced the item that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 1:14 p.m. to discuss the items below:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision
(d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 – 1 Potential Case

The Board returned to open session 1:28 p.m. President Barbaste reported no action was taken in closed session.

CONSENT ITEMS:

11 – 12 Board to Consider: a) December 18, 2024 Regular PID GSA Board Meeting, and December 18, 2024 Regular PID Board Meeting b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, and Reserves Update for the month ending in December.

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS OF PID BOARD LEADERSHIP

Director Azevedo made a motion to appoint Director Barbaste for Board President and for Director Fantozzi as Board Vice President. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Azevedo, Robinson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD TO RATIFY EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER WITH STANTEC FOR \$203,020 FOR THE CEQA AND NEPA EFFORTS FOR THE EAST-WEST CONVEYANCE PROJECT

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board an executed change order with Stantec for the CEQA and NEPA work for the remaining East-West Conveyance Project work. Lucchesi stated that the change order was executed because the Project is moving forward and the environmental work needs to move forward as soon as possible.

After a brief discussion, Director Azevedo made a motion to ratify the execution of the change order with Stantec. Second by Director Scheuber and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Scheuber, Fantozzi, Robinson, Azevedo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD TO RATIFY THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR THE \$40 MILLION FUNDING FOR THE EAST WEST CONVEYANCE PROJECT

General Manager Lucchesi provided an update to the Board on the development of a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the East-West Conveyance Project. Lucchesi noted that this agreement is in progress and should be available at the next meeting.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT 2025 DISTRICT BUDGET, WATER RATES, EMPLOYEE WAGE SCALES, WATER ALLOCATION, AND TO DIRECT THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ADMINISTER AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR WORK AUTHORIZED UNDER THE BUDGET

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board the draft 2025 budget. Lucchesi noted that there isn't much change in the 2025 budget from 2024 other than a new staff member in the field, inflationary increases on various items including insurance, health insurance, additional expenses for conferences, and implementation of the Strategic Plan. Lucchesi also noted that there were a few outliers in the budget that needed to be rectified which included the Cal Pers unfunded Liability Payments and Workmans Comp Modifiers but haven't been included yet. Lucchesi noted that there is no increase in the water rates from 2024 since PID is working on a rate study and that would be resolved later in the year.

After a brief discussion, Director Scheuber made a motion to approve the 2025 budget and for the adjustments to be made to the budget when the Cal Pers and Workmans Comp Modifiers come in. Second by Director Azevedo and passed unanimously.

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

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.

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.

STRATEGIC PLAN QUARTERLY UPDATE

Lucchesi provided to the board a report on the fourth quarter of implementation of the Strategic Plan.

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

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 - Lucchesi noted to the Board that there was a need for some tree removal on a sub-lateral off of 5 South. The Board asked Lucchesi to get the work done and to bring the budget back at a later date if there warrants a budget update.
- 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 2:46 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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Negotiating Parties: Cindy Kao, Valley Water

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

The Board returned to open session 2:47 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 February 19, 2025

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vince Lucchesi, General Manager