

**PACHECO WATER DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

July 15, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on July 15, 2021, at 9 am, via Zoom and teleconference per Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors: Aaron Barcellos, President
David Parreira, Vice-President
George Delgado, Director
Lance LeVake, Director
Alec Smith, Director

Others: Josh Bunch, Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Michael Gardner, Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Chase Hurley, Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Dana Hurley, Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Lauren Layne, General Counsel
Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

CALL TO ORDER President Barcellos called the meeting to order at 9 am

ROLL CALL A quorum of the Board of Directors was present, as were its officers.

REVIEW OF THE AGENDA Upon a request by Mr. Hurley, President Barcellos agreed to move agenda item #11 in front of agenda item #8. The change was made to accommodate a previous commitment by Mr. McCoy.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST There were no conflicts of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Director Parreira and seconded by Director LeVake, the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 20, 2021, were unanimously approved. The roll call vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	Barcellos, Delgado, LeVake, Smith, Parreira	Nays:	None
Absent:	None	Abstain:	None

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 30, 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

Upon a motion by Director Smith and seconded by Director LeVake, the Board unanimously approved the financial report and payable list totaling \$622,619.66 as presented by Mrs. Hurley. The roll call vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	Barcellos, Parreira, Delgado, LeVake, Smith	Nays:	None
Absent:	None	Abstain:	None

DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT

Mr. McCoy updated the board on the following practices on the San Joaquin River Improvement Project:

- a. The incoming drain flows to the Project have been very low so far this summer. This is mainly driven by the fact that the participating districts are struggling with limited surface water supplies and thus is limiting the amount of drain water produced within the 100,000-acre boundary.
- b. Revenue on the Jose Tall Wheat Grass is good

- c. Staff is working on a long-term maintenance program for all pumps, motors and equipment
- d. The Project will irrigate approximately 80% of the land that is currently in production this year

WIIN ACT CONTRACT CONVERSION UPDATE

a. Validation Action

Ms. Layne stated that the final order was received for the Validation Action. This is very good news.

b. Reclamation Reform Act (RRA) Compliance: Mr. Hurley stated that district staff is still waiting to hear from the Bureau’s Denver Colorado office on the status of the Final Letter that will proclaim Pacheco is fully divested of its obligations under RRA. Staff has been told that the letter should be sent out in the very near future.

c. Other: There were no other items

WATER SUPPLY: Mike Gardner

- a. Usage to date (March 1st – June 30th): 4,816 af
- b. USBR Water Balance: 69 af
- c. Shasta Reservoir Storage (July 13, 2021): 36% of Capacity and 47% of Historical Average
- d. San Luis Reservoir Storage (July 13, 2021): 28% of Capacity and 48% of Historical Average

June blended water quality at Lateral 6: 1,242 TDS 2.2 Boron

OPERATIONS: Mike Gardner

a. Routine Maintenance Update: The Water Operators are continuing to focus on routine maintenance items as well as coordinating the aquatic herbicide applications with Panoche Water District. President Barcellos asked if District staff was performing the herbicide applications on the off-banks of the canals and drains. Mr. Gardner stated that the work is performed by a qualified and licensed outside contractor hired by the district. Mr. Gardner also stated that having a backhoe on site to perform general maintenance throughout the district will provide long term benefits in terms of efficiency and cost savings.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

a. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act- Mr. Hurley stated that staff is continuing to be active in the local GSA as it pertains to implementing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan that was submitted to the California Department of Water Resources in January of 2020.

b. Review and take action to appoint Chase Hurley as the real property negotiator for the district
Upon a motion by Director Delgado and seconded by Director Parreira, the board unanimously approved Mr. Hurley as the Districts lead negotiator. The roll call vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	Barcellos, Parreira, Delgado, LeVake, Smith	Nays:	None
Absent:	None	Abstain:	None

c. Other: Ms. Lane stated that the Board of Directors can now officially meet in person but through the end of September 2021, they must allow all meetings to be attended virtually. Things could change based on health protocols over the next sixty days.

REPORT ON OTHER ITEMS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(a)(3): No other items

CLOSED SESSION: The Board went into closed session at 10:14 am
Director Smith left the meeting at 10:24 am prior to the discussion on Item (D).

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Closed session pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.
Name of case: *AQUALLIANCE, et al. v. The United States Bureau of Reclamation, et al.*, United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 1:20-cv-878-DAD-EPG.

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Closed session pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.
Name of case: *Pacheco Water District v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Authorization of the Contract Between the United States and Pacheco Water District Providing for Project Water Service*, Merced County Superior Court, Case No. .21CV-00245.

C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Closed session pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.
Name of case: *California Sportfishing Protection Alliance v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Validity of the Northern and Central Delta-Mendota Regions Groundwater Sustainability Plan, et al.*, Stanislaus County Superior Court, Case No. CV-20-001748 (Delta-Mendota Subbasin SGMA Challenge).

D. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Closed session pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 case)

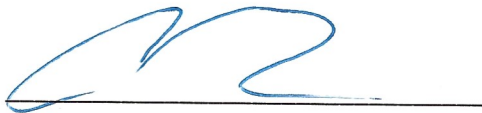
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The Board returned to open session at 10:46 a.m. President Barcellos stated that there were no reportable actions.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, President Barcellos adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.



Aaron Barcellos, President



Chase Hurley, Secretary