

**PACHECO WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 24, 2023**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held on May 24, 2023, at 9:00 am.

Those present at the meeting were:

**Directors:** David Parreira, President  
Lance Levake, Vice President  
Aaron Barcellos, Director  
George Delgado, Director  
Alec Smith, Director

**Others:** Pablo Arroyave, SLDMWA-arrived at 9:52 am  
Josh Bunch, Water & Land Solutions, LLC  
Steve Creighton, Sran Farming  
Michael Gardner, Water & Land Solutions, LLC  
Chase Hurley, Water & Land Solutions, LLC-arrived at 9:30 am  
Dana Hurley, Water & Land Solutions, LLC  
Lauren Layne, General Counsel  
Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Parreira called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Parreira led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum of the Board of Directors was present.

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There is a conflict of interest with all Directors on Item 11. Straws will be drawn to determine voting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Director Smith and seconded by Director Levake, the March 30, 2023, minutes were unanimously approved. The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

**BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE TREASURER’S QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT ENDING MARCH 31, 2023**

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Delgado, the Board unanimously approved the Quarterly Treasurer’s Investment Report as presented by Mrs. Hurley. The vote on the matter was as follows:

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



**WATER SUPPLY: Mike Gardner (March 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024):**

Water Supply update through April 30, 2023

- a. Usage to date 990 AF
- b. Supplemental Water Balance: 109 AF
- c. Shasta Reservoir Storage (May 16, 2023): 98% of Capacity and 116% of Historical Average
- d. San Luis Reservoir Storage (May 16, 2023): 98% of Capacity and 129% of Historical Average

Water Quality

- a. San Luis Canal: 122 TDS
- b. CCID Outside Canal: 230 TDS

**BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF 500 ACRE FEET OF FIREBAUGH CANAL WATER DISTRICT (FCWD) TRANSFER WATER**

Upon a motion by Director Delgado and seconded by Director Levake, the Board unanimously approved allocating 500 acre feet of FCWD transfer water to grower accounts. The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

**OPERATIONS: Mike Gardner**

- a. Mr. Gardner reported that operations have been going very smoothly and the new Water Operator, Mr. Gerardo Reyes, has been doing an excellent job.
- b. Projects Update:  
Nothing to report on projects, staff is currently concentrating on water deliveries.
- c. Pacheco Modernization Study  
Mr. Gardner gave a presentation on the 2019 Modernization Study and explained that the report is broken down into five categories:
  - ✓ Major system upgrades
  - ✓ high priority items
  - ✓ medium priority items
  - ✓ low priority items
  - ✓ Staff priority items

The District has completed 4 items under high priority, 6 items under medium priority, and 31 items under staff priority. Staff will continue to accomplish such tasks and projects as time and budget allows.

**DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT:**

- a. Grassland Basin Authority (GBA) – Mr. McCoy
  - i. Currently on first cutting of Jose Tall Wheat Grass at \$130 per ton.
  - ii. Mr. McCoy attended a meeting regarding the outstanding debt to Panoche Water District. He stated that the meeting went well.
  - iii. The construction of the new storage and conveyance facilities has finally started and should be completed by October 2023, however, the connection to PG&E is estimated to be completed in March or April of 2024. The pumps could be powered by diesel engines if needed.
  - iv. The O’banion pipeline project is currently in the design phase.
  - v. The GBA is investigating the possibility of a 2-megawatt solar project.
- b. Grassland Basin Drainers

- i. The GBA continues to investigate the possibility of merging the Grassland Basin Authority with the Grassland Basin Drainers to streamline procedures within the two agencies and cut costs.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Mr. Hurley stated that the Delta Mendota subbasin is continuing down the path of creating, approving, and submitting to the SWRCB a single GSP. This is a substantial change for the subbasin to make; both in terms of policy and budgeting. The activity agreement members are formulating a request for bid to hire a consultant that will lead the effort for the formation of a single GSP. There is a concern among the various GSA's about how expensive an effort this may be and the time frame to get it done.
- b. Pacheco Water Resource Plan: Staff continues to use the Plan as a guide as it relates to infrastructure planning, supplemental surface water acquisitions and determination of the feasibility of external groundwater storage projects such as the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise.
- c. Legislation: Ms. Layne gave an update on various bills that are still being pushed by the State legislators pertaining to water rights and beneficial use. The bills that were reviewed are as follows:
  - ✓ Assembly Bill 460
  - ✓ Assembly Bill 1337
  - ✓ Assembly Bill 1205
  - ✓ Senate Bill 389

#### **REPORT ON OTHER ITEMS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(a)(3):**

Mr. Hurley reported that there are potential surface water and water banking opportunities from the Smith and 4S Ranch that the District could be involved in.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 10:46 am

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** At 10:59 am

President Parreira stated that there were no reportable actions.

#### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

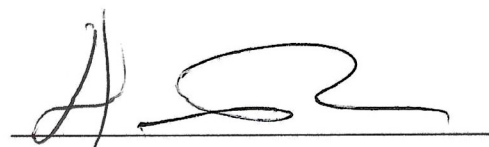
The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 20, 2023, at 9:00 am.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

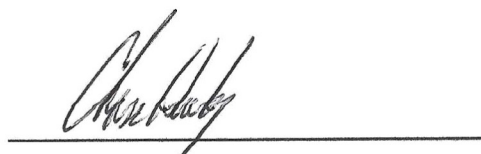
1. Investigate the possibility of storing unused CCID Block 1 water in the BF Sisk Dam Project
2. Send the SGMA "frequently asked questions" to the Board
3. Sign and email the water rights legislation opposition letter to ACWA

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President Parreira adjourned the meeting at 11:01 am.



David Parreira, President



Chase Hurley, Secretary