

**PACHECO WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 30, 2023**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held on March 30, 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: Josh Bunch, Water & Land Solutions, LLC  
Steve Creighton, Sran Farming  
Michael Gardner, Water & Land Solutions, LLC  
Chase Hurley, Water & Land Solutions, LLC  
Lauren Layne, General Counsel

**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 were no conflicts of interest.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Director Levake and seconded by Director Smith, the January 19, 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 DECEMBER 31, 2022**

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

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

**THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2023, FINANCIAL REPORT**

Upon a motion by Director Levake and seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously accepted the Financial Report and approved the payable list as presented by Mr. Hurley. The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

**THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING DRAFT #2 OF THE 2023 ADMINISTRATIVE AND O&M BUDGET AND O&M RATE**

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously approved the 2023 O&M water budget at **\$972,970** and agreed to set the 2023 O&M rate at **\$97** per acre foot. The roll call vote on the matter was as follows:

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

**THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING DRAFT #2 OF THE 2023 DRAINAGE BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT RATE**

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously approved the 2023 drainage budget at **\$370,100** and agreed to set the 2023 land-based drainage assessment at **\$76** per acre and set the SGMA land-based assessment at **(\$0.74)** per acre. The roll call vote on the matter was as follows:

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

**BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE 2023 WATER RATES**

Upon a motion by Director Smith and seconded by Director Barcellos, the Board unanimously approved the 2023 CCID water rate at **\$80** per acre foot and the USBR water rate at **\$93** per acre foot. The roll call vote on the matter was as follows:

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

**BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF WY 2023 CCID BLOCK 2 & 3 WATER**

No action was taken. The CCID Block 2 and Block 3 water will remain on a first come first serve basis for WY 2023.

**BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION 3-23 AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A TEMPORARY WATER SERVICE FOR WATER YEAR 2023 THROUGH A SOUTH OF DELTA SECTION 215 CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

Upon a motion by Director Delgado and seconded by Director Levake, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 3-23, authorizing a temporary water service contract for water year 2023 through a South of Delta section 215 contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation. 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 APPROVING THE WY 2023 GROUNDWATER CONVEYANCE POLICY**  
Tabled until the May 2023 board meeting.

**BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE WY 2023 GROUNDWATER CONVEYANCE LICENSE AGREEMENT**

Tabled until the May 2023 board meeting.

**BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE USBR SECTION 215 WATER CONTRACT**

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously approved signing a temporary water service contract for water year 2023 through a South of Delta section 215 contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation after review by legal counsel. 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, 2022 – February 28, 2023):**

Water Supply update through February 28, 2023

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| a. Usage to date                              | 8,355 AF                                       |
| b. Supplemental Water Balance:                | 291 AF   |
| c. Shasta Reservoir Storage (Mar 27, 2023):   | 81% of Capacity and 103% of Historical Average |
| d. San Luis Reservoir Storage (Mar 27, 2023): | 97% of Capacity and 112% of Historical Average |

**Water Quality**

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|------------------------|---------|
| a. San Luis Canal:     | 350 TDS |
| b. CCID Outside Canal: | 633 TDS |

**Supplemental Water**

Staff discussed a potential water acquisition agreement with the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority for 500-acre feet at \$180.08 per acre foot based on an 80% CVP supply. The water would be available in 2023 during the month of June through September. If the CVP supply allocation were to increase above 80%, the agreed upon purchase price will decrease to approximately \$100/AF.

Upon a motion by Director Delgado and seconded by Director Barcellos, the Board unanimously approved signing the water acquisition agreement. 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 WLS hired Gerardo Reyes as a water operator to replace an employee that left for another job. Mr. Reyes's start date was January 19, 2023, and so far, he is doing a great job. He has been trained on the conveyance system including and he is learning how to perform maintenance activities and repair water meters.
- b. Projects Update:  
Despite all the rainfall the District was still able to get some projects done this year. Some of the big projects were:
  - i. Removed silt from the top of lateral 4 and the lower end of Lateral 6
  - ii. Cleaned up the boneyard for the solar project.
  - iii. Added a 24" pipe to Lateral 6 for more capacity.

- iv. Replaced weirs on Lateral 5 and 6
- v. Repaired the concrete bowls on Lateral 6 and 7
- vi. Repaired emergency flood damage on the Main Canal (lift 6)
- c. Due to the rain, tile sumps were shut off from Dec 9<sup>th</sup> thru the Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and then again from Dec 26<sup>th</sup> through Jan 27<sup>th</sup> and lastly on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> through March 24<sup>th</sup>. Pacheco manages nine tile sumps in the District boundary and one outside.

### **SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr. Gardner reported that Barrier Solar is continuing to wait for the transformer upgrade to be completed, which could take two to four months. Barrier hopes to have the solar installed by the time PG&E finishes their work on the new transformer interconnection. The total project could be operational by July 2023.

### **DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT:**

- a. Grassland Basin Authority (GBA)
  - i. Due to the heavy rainfall all projects have been stalled.
  - ii. Mr. Barcellos reported that there is an estimated \$3.5 million debt that must be paid back to Panoche Water District for past Operation and Maintenance activities on the project.
  - iii. The GBA would like the participants to consider allowing the GBA to manage all the district drains in the future.
  - iv. The GBA is working on a Joint Powers Agreement with Panoche Water District to transfer the use of all improvements.
- b. Grassland Basin Drainers
  - i. The GBA would like to merge the Grassland Basin Authority with the Grassland Basin Drainers to streamline procedures within the two agencies and possibly cut costs.

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

- a. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Mr. Hurley stated that the Delta Mendota subbasin has a lot of work to do to re-draft the GSP'(s) based on the recent inadequate determination made by DWR. Delta Mendota subbasin committee members will be meeting next week with DWR and SWRCB staff to try and determine the next steps in the SWRCB process.
- b. BF Sisk Dam Raise: Mr. Hurley stated that the next call date for each entity to remain an active participant in the Sisk Dam raise project will be July 1, 2023. Pacheco will need to determine by that date if it wants to remain as a participant in the activity agreement. Staff will work on having the consultant team, The Hallmark Group, provide a detailed summary of the project at a Pacheco board meeting in May or June.
- c. SLDMWA 2023 Water Transfer Program: Based on the current wet hydrology and the supplemental water purchase from the Exchange Contractors, there is no need to focus on additional supplemental supplies for WY 2023.
- d. Legislation: Ms. Layne gave an update on various legislative bills being drafted for review and potential approval through the state legislative houses. The water industry needs to be attentive to the legislation that may come before state elected officials this year due to the focus on tweaking, changing or potentially overhauling California water right law.

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

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 11:21am

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** At 11:25am

President Parreira stated that there were no reportable actions.

## **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 18, 2023, at 9 am.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Send out carryover inventory to each water user that has water in their account and remind them of potential SLR drawdown / spill date
2. Work with Mr. Delgado on ideas for modernizing lateral 4
3. On May agenda, add review Groundwater Conveyance Policy and Groundwater Conveyance License Agreement
4. Pay off in full the Yosemite Farm Credit note as soon as possible.
5. Sign the water transfer agreement with Firebaugh Canal WD after review from legal counsel.
6. Update the Water O&M Budget
7. Update the Drainage Budget
8. Update the 2023 Water Rates
9. Send out memo to board with updated Water & Drainage budgets, Drainage assessment, O&M rate, and updated CCID/CVP rates.
10. Send a memo to all PAC water users and landowners with all rates and water supply info
11. Review the Pacheco Water District modernization study at the May board meeting
12. Work with Ag Monitoring on maximizing our PG&E rate plan

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President Parreira adjourned the meeting at 11:26am.



David Parreira, President



Chase Hurley, Secretary