PACHECO WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES JULY 21, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on July 21, 2022, at 9:00 am. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors:

David Parreira, President Lance Levake, Vice-President Aaron Barcellos, 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 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.

REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. McCoy stated that Bob Capehart, a long-time manager with San Luis Canal Company, passed away and his services are going to be on July 23, 2022, at 10:00 am in Chowchilla, CA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Levake, the May 19, 2022, and June 22, 2022, minutes were unanimously approved. The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:

Parreira, Levake, Barcellos, Smith

Navs: None

Absent:

Delgado

Abstain: None

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 30, 2022, FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Aves:

Parreira, Levake, Barcellos, Smith

Nays:

None

Absent:

Delgado

Abstain:

None

BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION (#4-22) FOR A GENERAL ELECTION

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously approved adopting a resolution for a general election as presented by Mr. Hurley. The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:

Parreira, Levake, Barcellos, Smith

Nays:

None

Absent:

Delgado

Abstain:

None

SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Gardner reported that staff and Lauren Layne have been working with DSD Renewables and Barrier Solar finalizing the language on the site lease agreement and the power purchase agreement. Once DSD Renewables receives the title report for the solar site property, the agreements will be ready for signature. Mr. Gardner also reported that Barrier Solar is working with PG&E on the interconnection and permitting. PG&E is 4-6 months out on construction projects. Barrier hopes to have the solar installed by the time PG&E finishes their work on the new transformer interconnection. The total project could take up to one year.

WATER SUPPLY: Mike Gardner (March 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023):

Water Supply update through June 30, 2022

a. Usage to date

4,035 AF

b. Supplemental Water Balance:

1,177 AF

c. Shasta Reservoir Storage (June 17, 2022):

38% of Capacity and 52% of Historical Average

d. San Luis Reservoir Storage (June 17, 2022):

35% of Capacity and 72% of Historical Average

Water Quality

a. May blended water quality at Lateral 6:

572 TDS and .81 ppm Boron

b. June blended water quality at Lateral 6:

770 TDS and 1.1 ppm Boron

OPERATIONS: Mike Gardner

- a. Routine Maintenance Update: Mr. Gardner reported that staff is continuing to service all the lift pumps and tile sump pumps on a weekly basis.
- b. Projects Update: No report, all projects are complete for the year.

DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT: Palmer McCoy

- a. Grassland Basin Authority (GBA)
 - i. The GBA just finished their first cutting on Jose Tall Wheatgrass.
 - ii. The pistachio trees are continuing to be irrigated with well water this year instead of fresh water.
 - iii. The GBA has hired Firebaugh Canal Water District (FCWD) to clean the drains in the GBA. FCWD can do the job much cheaper because the GBA does not have to pay FCWD prevailing wage.
 - iv. The GBA received the bids for the new ponds and McElvany Inc. was the low bid at an approximate price of \$11,500,000. The GBA is hoping to have construction of the ponds completed by the end of the 2022 calendar year.
 - v. The GBA purchased three hundred acres of land from the Pereira family and is in the process of leveling the ground so they can begin farming it.
 - vi. The GBA is in the process of installing a pipeline on the northwest section of the old O'banion property to move water around more efficiently. The new pipeline will alleviate the need to use three pump stations, which reduces PG&E expenses.
- b. Grassland Basin Drainers
 - i. Nothing new to report.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Mr. Hurley, in conjunction with Ms. Layne, updated the board on the following activities within the Delta Mendota Subbasin:
 - The revised GSP for the Delta Mendota Subbasin was electronically submitted to the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) on July 16, 2022.
 - ii. There were four deficiencies in the original DWR review letter that the subbasin needed to focus on. Two of the more important ones were
 - (a) The lack of clarity on how the diverse subbasin was going to coordinate all their efforts as laid out in the GSP
 - (b) The measurable objectives, monitoring plan and management actions related to decreasing the rate of subsidence within the subbasin boundary.
- b. San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA): Mr. Hurley gave an update as follows:
 - i. BF Sisk Dam Raise: Staff continues to represent the District in forming the proper activity agreement within the SLDMWA. The current Phase one activities are being covered by the initial \$6,000 payment made by Pacheco earlier this year.
- c. Water Resource Plan: Mr. Hurley stated that staff continues to use the outline of the Water Resource Plan to focus on water supply objectives for Water Year 2023.

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

There were no other items.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 10:09 am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 10:24 am. President Parreira stated that there were no reportable actions.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 15, 2022, at 9 am.

ACTION ITEMS

 Per the request of a couple of directors, and with staff conflicts on the scheduled September meeting date, the board asked staff to reschedule the September 15, 2022, regularly scheduled board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Parreira adjourned the meeting at 10:26 am.

David Parreira, President

Chase Hurley, Secretary