

**PACHECO WATER DISTRICT  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on September 16, 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 9:03 am.

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

**REVIEW OF THE AGENDA** There were no changes to the agenda.

**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 Delgado, the amended minutes, at the suggestion of Mr. Hurley, of the Board Meeting of July 15, 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

On a motion by Director LeVake and seconded by Director Smith, the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 23, 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 TREASURER'S QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.**

Upon a motion by Director Smith and seconded by Director Parreira, the Board unanimously approved the quarterly investment report 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

## THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 31, 2021, FINANCIAL REPORT

Upon a motion by Director Delgado and seconded by Director Parreira, the Board unanimously approved the financial report and payable list 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

## WIIN ACT CONTRACT CONVERSION UPDATE

Ms. Layne and Mr. Hurley each gave a brief report and summarized the discussion that both the Validation Action and the RRA Compliance letter have yet to be approved by the court and the USBR respectively.

## WATER SUPPLY: Mike Gardner

- a. Usage to date (March 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>): 7,729 af
- b. USBR Water Balance: 36 AF
- c. Shasta Reservoir Storage (Sept 12, 2021): 25% of Capacity and 41% of Historical Average
- d. San Luis Reservoir Storage (Sept 12, 2021): 12% of Capacity and 28% of Historical Average

July blended water quality at Lateral 6: 1,027 TDS 2.0 Boron

August blended water quality at Lateral 6: 870 TDS 1.7 Boron

## DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT: Palmer McCoy

- a. Grassland Basin Authority (GBA)
  - i. The GBA continues to seek grant funding for a couple infrastructure projects that will allow for more efficient deliveries of drain water throughout the property.
  - ii. The GBA is working closely with Summers Engineering of designs and specifications for the construction of new ponds on the east side of Russell Avenue. If constructed, the new ponds would take the place of those currently in use that are within the Panoche Water District boundary.
  - iii. The GBA is looking to finalize the acquisition of another parcel of land adjacent to the CCID Outside Canal and west of Russell Avenue.
  - iv. The GBA board of directors is starting the process of a 15-year strategic plan for the project.
- b. Grassland Basin Drainers
  - i. The August meeting of the Drainage group was cancelled, and Mr. McCoy stated that he didn't have anything else to report.

## OPERATIONS: Mike Gardner

- a. Routine Maintenance Update: The Water Operators are continuing to perform weekly maintenance on all the water conveyance pumps and tile sump pumps as well as coordinating the aquatic herbicide applications with Panoche Water District. Mr. Gardner 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. Mr. Gardner also stated that the big focus now is servicing all the water meters in the district. The district has 71 water meters.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Mr. Hurley stated that the two main focuses of the work effort at this time within the local subbasin is (1) continuing to upgrade the monitoring

program, (3) real-time collection and warehousing of data and (3) percolate ideas related to future management actions to mitigate subsidence. The discussion related to subsidence focused on implementing some type of management actions soon rather than continuing to collect data but never use the information in a productive manner to slow the annual rate. There has yet to be any discussion on land fallowing or groundwater allocations.

- b. San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA): Mr. Hurley reviewed the new San Luis Transmission Project that needs to be constructed to take the place of a historical USBR contract with PGE. The contract allowed the USBR to use PG&E's grid and transmission lines between the Jones Pumping Plant in Tracy and the O'Neill Pumping Plant in Santa Nella. PG&E was not interested in renewing the contract and therefore the decision was made that a new transmission line needed to be built to maximize the value of power for pumping CVP water within the project service area. The costs will need to be borne by the CVP customer base. The SLDMWA staff should have a more defined cost estimate and construction timeline for the contractors to review in November.

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

- A. Mr. Hurley stated that staff will be moving forward with liquidating the ½ ton pick up truck that had historically been used for spray operations. It is no longer able to pass smog certification and would cost more to fix than what the truck is worth.
- B. Director Delgado requested that the Board have a thorough review of the Districts current groundwater well policy. He stated that everyone has learned a lot this year in trying to manage through a severe drought with limited surface water supplies. He thinks there are various aspects of the policy that need to be more thoroughly thought through. Two of those items are the \$/AF that the District has agreed to buy the water for and how to deal with the losses within the delivery system. President Barcellos thought a review of the policy is a good idea and asked staff to place it on the November agenda. He thanked Mr. Delgado for bringing up the topic for discussion.
- C. Ms. Layne stated that the Governors health orders related to COVID and the effect on public meetings and the Brown Act is set to expire on September 30, 2021. Thus, Pacheco will need to hold their November meeting in person at a posted location and follow all the Brown Act protocols as they had been doing prior to the COVID outbreak. Ms. Layne will update staff if the Governor or State Legislature signs into law new mandates that would be effective October 1, 2021.

#### **CLOSED SESSION:** The Board went into closed session at 10:40 am

- 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.*, (filed May 11, 2020)
- B. 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 10:48 am. President Barcellos stated that there were no reportable actions.

#### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2021.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Amend and update the July 2020 minutes as stated in agenda item #6a.
2. For the November 2021 board meeting, add an agenda item for review and potential update of the current groundwater well policy
3. Continue to press forward on supplemental water supply contracts for WY2022
4. Have initial draft of the Pacheco water resource plan at the next board meeting. The board is willing to hold a special board meeting(s) prior to and after the regularly scheduled meeting in November if necessary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business on the agenda, President Barcellos adjourned the meeting at 10:51 am.



Aaron Barcellos, President



Chase Hurley, Secretary