

**PACHECO WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2024**

ATTENDEES

Board:

David Parreira, President
Aaron Barcellos, Director
Alec Smith, Director

Public:

Josh Bunch, Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Steve Creighton, Sran Farming
Chase Hurley, Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Dana Hurley, Water & Land Solution, LLC

CALL TO ORDER

President Parreira called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

President Parreira reported a quorum of the Board of Directors was present.

REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Hurley stated that there would not be a need for Agenda Item #19 related to closed session.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BOARD TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER GEORGE DELGADO; EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Smith, the board unanimously accepted the resignation of Mr. Delgado effective May 16, 2024.

BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2024

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Smith, the board unanimously approved the March 19, 2024, minutes.

BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2024.

Upon a motion by Director Smith and seconded by Director Barcellos, the board unanimously approved the quarterly investment report as presented by Ms. Hurley.

BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE APRIL 30, 2024, FINANCIAL REPORT

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Smith, the board unanimously approved the April 30, 2024, financial report as presented by Mr. Hurley.

BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING RATES

A. USBR WATER RATE

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Smith, the USBR Water Rate was set at \$108/Acre Foot to be collected monthly as used. Staff will allocate all the USBR water on a pro-rata basis.

B. SUPPLEMENTAL WATER RATE

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Smith, the Supplemental Water Rate was set at \$528/Acre Foot to be collected in two installments. Staff will allocate the Supplemental Water on a pro-rata basis and will adjust the rate if it were to change based on an increase to the USBR CVP water supply allocation that will decrease the cost of the Firebaugh Canal Water District supplemental water. Director Smith also requested that a memo go out to all Pacheco Water Users showing the approved rates from today's meeting.

BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE WY2024 GROUNDWATER CONVEYANCE POLICY

Mr. Hurley stated that the current policy was sent out for review prior to the meeting and asked the directors if they had any proposed changes. The directors confirmed that the current policy meets the directives for this year and there are not any proposed changes. Therefore, no action was taken.

BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE WY2024 GROUNDWATER CONVEYANCE LICENSE AGREEMENT

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Smith, the board unanimously approved the 2024 Groundwater Conveyance License Agreement with a \$130/Acre Foot fee for all water purchased by the District from its private well owners.

BOARD TO REVIEW AND GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE SUBSIDENCE MITIGATION POLICY ALONG THE DELTA MENDOTA CANAL WITHIN THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT DELTA MENDOTA SUBBASIN.

Mr. Hurley reviewed the current policy with the board and answered various questions. He reminded the board that the policy would go into effect on January 1, 2025, and would be part of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan that will be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board in July of 2024 by the various Groundwater Sustainability Agencies within the Delta Mendota Subbasin. The following items were to be considered by staff as it moves forward in implementing the policy:

1. Have a workshop on the topic with growers of Eagle Field WD, Pacheco WD, Panoche WD, and San Luis WD.
2. Need to understand the ability of the Exchange Contractors to provide purchased water into the subsidence mitigation water pool when they are in a Shasta critical year (75%).
3. Need to understand the willingness of the Exchange Contractors to participate in the subsidence mitigation water pool at a purchase rate that is economically feasible that will benefit the entire subbasin.

Mr. Hurley agreed to share these thoughts with the Exchange Contractors in the immediate future so that the subsidence mitigation program is fully vetted prior to January 2025.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Hurley reported that the District is on track to deliver the estimated CCID supplies from March through June 1, 2024. All USBR and Supplemental water will start to be delivered after the spring CCID water has ended. The Water Operators have aggressively started the aquatic weed treatment on all the lateral canals and Lift #2.

GRASSLAND BASIN AUTHORITY UPDATE

No report.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Hurley

A. Water Supply Update

The USBR is slated to come out with their May Water Supply Update by May 23rd of next week. It is projected that at least another 5% allocation increase is being considered. The Jones Pumping Plant has increased from one unit to three units and should stay at that level through June. This will help to meet CVP demands and not have to pull on San Luis Reservoir as heavy for the month of June.

B. B.F. Sisk Dam Raise Project

Pacheco is still a member agency that is negotiating with the USBR on the Operations Agreement. The next round of formal negotiations with the USBR and the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority activity agreement member agencies is slated for May 28th, 29th, and 30th in Santa Nella California. The public is invited to attend these meetings. Mr. Hurley reiterated that the next cash call for Pacheco WD as part of this project will not occur until late 2024. At that time, the District should have much needed information to help determine the cost benefit of continuing to move forward as a participant.

C. Tile Line Policy

After an extensive review of the Districts historic files, staff and legal counsel could not find a policy related to existing tile lines and tile sumps or language on how, or if, new tile facilities could be installed. After some discussion, the board agreed that drafting a policy may not be the best use of district resources, and the District can continue to manage the drain water program without such a policy in place.

REPORTS ON OTHER ITEMS PURSUANT OT GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(a)(3)

None

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

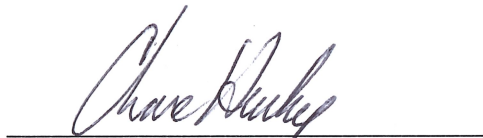
The next regularly scheduled meeting date is set for July 18, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Parreira adjourned the meeting at 10:03am.



David Parreira, President



Chase Hurley, Secretary