

**PACHECO WATER DISTRICT  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 20, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on January 20, 2022, at 9 am, via Zoom and teleconference per Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-09-21. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors: Aaron Barcellos, President  
David Parreira, Vice-President-Left meeting at 10:11 am  
George Delgado, Director  
Lance LeVake, Director  
Alec Smith, Director

Others: 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 9:02 am.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum of the Board of Directors was present.

**REVIEW OF THE AGENDA**

Director Parreira announced that he must leave the meeting early so items 16 and 17 were moved to the beginning of Other Business upon the request of President Barcellos.

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION # 1-22**

Upon a motion by Director Parreira and seconded by Director Smith, the board unanimously approved Resolution # 1-22 related to State Assembly Bill 361 on COVID related activities for public meetings. The roll call vote on the matter was as follows:

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

**BOARD TO CONSIDER FY2022 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

Upon a motion by President Barcellos and seconded by Director Smith, the board unanimously approved the following 2022 officers – David Parreira: President, Lance LeVake: Vice President, Chase Hurley: Secretary, Dana Hurley: Treasurer. The roll call vote on the matter was as follows:

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

After Director Parreira was appointed board President, he requested that Director Barcellos finish running today's meeting as President, and he would then assume the reins at the next board meeting. Mr. Barcellos agreed to guide today's attendees through the rest of the agenda.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Director Levake and seconded by Director Parreira, the December 7, 2021, minutes, were unanimously approved. 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 APPROVAL OF THE 2022 REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING DATES**

Upon a motion by Director Parreira and seconded by Director Levake, the Board unanimously approved the 2022 regularly scheduled board meeting dates.

#### ***2022 Board Meeting Dates***

<b>Month</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
January	20	9:00 AM
March	17	9:00 AM
May	19	9:00 AM
July	21	9:00 AM
September	15	9:00 AM
November	17	9:00 AM

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 APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 31, 2021, FINANCIAL REPORT**

Upon a motion by Director Delgado and seconded by Director Parreira, the Board unanimously accepted the financial report and approved the payable list as presented by Mr. 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 DRAFT #1 OF THE 2022 ADMINISTRATIVE AND O&M BUDGET (Chase H.)**

Mr. Hurley reviewed the draft 2022 Administrative and O&M Budget in detail. Mr. Hurley stated that this is the first draft of the budget and encouraged any input the Board may have. Draft #2 of the budget will be up for review at the next board meeting.

#### **THE BOARD TO REVIEW DRAFT #1 OF THE 2022 DRAINAGE BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT (Chase H.)**

Mr. Hurley reviewed the draft 2022 Drainage Budget and assessment in detail. Mr. Hurley stated that this is the first draft of the budget and encouraged any input the Board may have. Draft #2 of the budget will be up for review at the next board meeting.

#### **WIIN ACT CONTRACT CONVERSION UPDATE**

Mr. Hurley stated that the District has yet to receive their final RRA Compliance letter.

**WATER SUPPLY: Mike Gardner**

- a. Usage to date (March 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>): 8,683 af
  - b. USBR Water Balance: 114 AF
  - c. Shasta Reservoir Storage (Jan 16, 2022): 34% of Capacity and 55% of Historical Average
  - d. San Luis Reservoir Storage (Jan 16, 2022): 37% of Capacity and 54% of Historical Average
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- November blended water quality at Lateral 6: 420 TDS .53 Boron
  - December blended water quality at Lateral 6: 417 TDS .49 Boron

**OPERATIONS: Mike Gardner**

- a. Routine Maintenance Update: The Water Operators are continuing to service all seventy-one water meters in the district. Mr. Gardner reported that staff is about 50% through completing maintenance on all the meters.
- b. Mr. Gardner reported that all eight pre-approved winter projects are going well. The three large projects are (1) Plastic Lining repair on Lateral #3, (2) Concrete Repair and Dirt Work on Lateral #4 and (3) Silt Excavation on the Master Drain. All the projects should be done by the end of next week except for the Lift 6 to Lateral 7 pipeline project. Mr. Gardner is currently getting bids for that item.

**DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT: Palmer McCoy**

- a. Grassland Basin Authority (GBA)
  - i. The GBA is focusing on winter maintenance projects and further grant funding for completion of the access road.
  - ii. The GBA will be building new ponds and will be going out to bid very soon with the hope to start construction in August or September. The new ponds will alleviate the need for the current storage ponds west of Russell Avenue.
  - iii. The GBA is looking into different ideas to reduce power costs on the facility.
  - iv. The GBA purchased five electric vehicles through a grant.
  - v. The GBA area received 1.6" of rain in December and because of all the hard work by staff, they were able to store all of the water in the project area and discharging into the San Luis Drain was not necessary.
- b. Grassland Basin Drainers
  - i. Nothing new to report.



## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Mr. Hurley reported on the following activities within the Delta Mendota Subbasin:
  - i. DWR non-competitive grant funds for each sub basin in the amount of approximately \$7,300,000. The GSA's are currently accepting grant applications from throughout the basin and will have the Coordination Committee rank them for final review and selection in early February.
  - ii. Official Evaluation Letter from DWR on its GSP: The subbasin is expecting DWR's letter any day now on their official comments on the GSP that was submitted two years ago. Based on initial feedback from DWR, the subbasin knows that the letter will state that the GSP will be deemed inadequate. This classification will then start a 180-day period in which the subbasin will need to modify their GSP to satisfy DWR's concerns and comments.
  - iii. Interbasin Coordination efforts are continuing among the Delta Mendota, Merced, and Chowchilla subbasins. The focus in these meetings is subsidence and domestic well mitigation.
  - iv. Well Census Inventory: The subbasin well inventory is almost complete, and the consultants should have the on-line program ready for roll out to the GSA's in February.
- b. San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA): Mr. Hurley gave a brief overview of the following items:
  - i. New Power Transmission Line from Jones Pumping Plant to O'Neill Forebay
  - ii. DMC Subsidence Correction Program
  - iii. BF Sisk Dam Retrofit and Expansion Program
  - iv. 2023 O&M Budgets
  - v. 2023 Activity Agreement Budgets

## **WATER RESOURCE PLAN**

Mr. Hurley stated that staff has moved forward on water resource related issues over the last sixty days using the water resource outline that the board reviewed in November of 2021. The outline will eventually be formatted into a formal document that will be robust in nature but also provide flexibility to meet the Plans goals and objectives. Mr. Hurley reviewed numerous water resource related items he has been working on and asked the board if they were comfortable with his approach. The board agreed that the initial draft of the Plan suited their needs and asked staff to proceed working on the items as outlined.

## **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 10:54 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 11:02 am. President Barcellos stated that there were no reportable actions.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2022, at 9am.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Staff to send calendar invites for all 2022 board meeting dates to board members
2. Staff to coordinate a special board meeting in February solely focused on FY2022 budgets
3. Staff to provide Budget to Actuals on all winter construction projects at the February meeting
4. Staff to work with San Luis Water District on a formal agreement that allows for Pacheco Water District to deliver water to San Luis Water District lands
5. Staff to provide an analysis of expensing future Capital Construction Projects through the O&M Rate (\$/AF), a land-based assessment (\$/Acre) or a combination of both.
6. Staff to provide (1) a cost benefit analysis and a (2) Modernization Plan Inventory on all future Capital Construction Projects during the budget process

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business on the agenda, President Barcellos adjourned the meeting at 11:04 am.



Aaron Barcellos, President



Chase Hurley, Secretary