

**PACHECO WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 13, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on December 13, 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

Others: Josh Bunch, Water & Land Solutions, LLC  
Dana Hurley, Water & Land Solutions, LLC  
Chase Hurley, Water & Land Solutions, LLC  
Ryan Jolly, Bryant L Jolly, CPA (via phone)  
Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Parreira called the meeting to order at 9:04 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**

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director LeVake, the September 26, 2023, minutes were unanimously approved. The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

**BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE FY 2022-2023 FINANCIAL AUDIT**

Upon a motion by Director Delgado and seconded by Director LeVake, the Board unanimously approved the FY 2022-2023 Financial Audit as presented by Ryan Jolley. The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

**THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 30, 2023, FINANCIAL REPORT**

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director LeVake, the Board unanimously approved the Financial Report as presented by Mrs. Hurley. The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

**BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT AT MECHANICS BANK**

Upon a motion by Director Delgado and seconded by Director LeVake, the Board unanimously approved opening a new account at Mechanics Bank. The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

**BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE TREASURER’S QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

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

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

**THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS 2024-2025 TRANSFERS ACTIVITY AGREEMENT.**

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director LeVake, the Board unanimously approved the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Exchange Contractors 2024-2025 Transfers Activity Agreement. The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

**THE BOARD TO GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF RELATING TO APPLYING FOR A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION’S WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT FOR LATERAL 6**

Mr. Hurley stated that the Bureau’s Water and Efficiency Grant Program just came out and proposals are due in mid-February 2024. He stated that based on the District’s modernization report and the last discussions at the July 2023 board meeting, staff would like to submit a proposal for grant funding to install a pipeline on the top half of Lateral #6. Mr. Hurley answered multiple questions from the board and recognized that starting down the path of converting open dirt ditches to a pipeline system will take considerable time and money to get accomplished. Director Barcellos asked that staff bring back to them further cost/benefit analysis on the project so that the board can make a final determination. Staff were given direction to proceed with working with Summers Engineering for further refinement on the Lateral 6 project and have further discussions on January 18, 2024.

**THE BOARD TO REVIEW DRAFT #1 OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 O&M BUDGET**

Mr. Hurley reviewed draft #1 of the Administrative and O&M budgets for both water and drainage. He received some input from the Board and will come back in January with draft #2. He asked if directors had any other questions, comments, or input to please contact him prior to the January board meeting.

**WATER SUPPLY: Chase Hurley (March 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024):**

Water Supply update through November 30, 2023

- a. Usage to date 8,253 AF
- b. Supplemental Water Balance: 0 AF
- c. Shasta Reservoir Storage (December 9, 2023): 67% of Capacity and 122% of Historical Average
- d. San Luis Reservoir Storage (December 9, 2023): 57% of Capacity and 103% of Historical Average

**OPERATIONS: Chase Hurley**

- a. Mr. Hurley reported that two growers are continuing to receive water with five days remaining before shutdown.

- b. Mr. Hurley reviewed various aspects of potential WY 2024 water supply allocations and rescheduling of 2023 supplies into the new year.
- c. Projects Update:  
Mr. Hurley discussed winter maintenance projects and the leak inspection at the headworks of the San Luis Canal.

**DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT:**

- a. Grassland Basin Authority (GBA) – Mr. McCoy
  - i. Mr. McCoy explained that the ponds, pump facility, and control buildings should be completed by March of 2024 for the newly constructed regulating ponds.
  - ii. Mr. McCoy provided an update of his discussions with Summers Engineering on the installation of a pipeline in the northwest section of the GBA.
  - iii. Mr. McCoy also provided an update on GBA’s FY 2024 budget which will include a five-year repayment obligation from Pacheco to pay back Panoche Drainage District for past years debt obligations.

**GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

- a. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: The Delta Mendota subbasin (subbasin) continues to move forward with its consulting engineer (EKI) on the single GSP that will be turned into the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in July of 2024. The focus of the single GSP continues to be water quality, water levels, and subsidence. The new work in developing the GSP is going to cost \$1.4 Million. The subbasin was able to have two separate tours for three members of the SWRCB over the last 45 days. The tours also included some members of the SWRCB staff. They went well in terms of a clear focus on the historic nature of the bad water quality in the region and what our constituents are doing to maintain good working relationships with domestic water purveyors within the subbasin. A lot of time was also spent of deep aquifer pumping mitigation to correct the current rate of subsidence along the Delta Mendota Canal and the eastern portion of the subbasin along the San Joaquin River.
- b. Legislation: Mr. Hurley stated that there was a very thorough update on the status of state and federal legislation in the packet for their review. Staff of the San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority put the informational packet together.

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

No items to report.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

No items to report.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

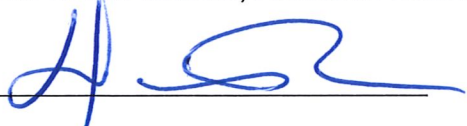
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**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

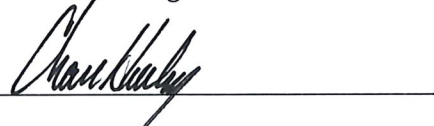
The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 18, 2023, at 9:00 am.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President Parreira adjourned the meeting at 10:29 am.



David Parreira, President



Chase Hurley, Secretary