# PACHECO WATER DISTRICT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES MAY 19, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on May 19, 2022, at 9:00 am. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors:

David Parreira, President

Lance Levake, Vice-President Aaron Barcellos, Director George Delgado, Director

Alec Smith, Director

Others:

Josh Bunch, Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Danielle Fidel, DSD Renewables-Called in
Michael Gardner, Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Chase Hurley, Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Lauren Layne, General Counsel-Called in
Lon Martin, San Luis Water District

Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

Janet Roy, San Luis Water District Andy Zavorek, Barrier Solar-Called in

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Parreira called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

### **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**

There was no public comment.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Levake, the March 17, 2022, and April 27, 2022, minutes, were unanimously approved. The roll call vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:

Parreira, Levake, Barcellos, Delgado, Smith

Nays: None

Absent:

None

Abstain: None

# BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2022

Upon a motion by Director Levake and seconded by Director Delgado, the Board unanimously accepted the treasurer's report as presented by Mr. Hurley. The roll call vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:

Parreira, Levake, Barcellos, Delgado, Smith

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

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

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Smith, 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:

Parreira, Levake, Barcellos, Delgado, Smith

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

### **BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE DISTRICT RESERVE POLICY**

Upon a motion by Director Delgado and seconded by Director Levake, the Board unanimously approved the district reserve policy with the initial reserve target set at \$850,000. The roll call vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:

Parreira, Levake, Barcellos, Delgado, Smith

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

### BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR PACHECO WATER DISTRICT TO CONVEY SAN LUIS WATER DISTRICT WATER THROUGH THE PACHECO LIFT

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously approved signing an agreement that allows San Luis Water District to convey Meyers Water Bank water through the Pacheco Lift to SLWD lands. The roll call vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:

Parreira, Levake, Barcellos, Delgado, Smith

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

### BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE WY 2022 GROUNDWATER CONVEYANCE POLICY

Upon a motion by Director Delgado and seconded by Director Barcellos, the Board unanimously approved the 2022 Groundwater Conveyance Policy. The roll call vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:

Parreira, Levake, Barcellos, Delgado, Smith

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

### BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER TAKING ACTION TO TRANSFER SUPPLEMENTAL CVP CARRYOVER WATER TO ANOTHER DISTRICT ON BEHALF OF A PACHECO LANDOWNER

This item was tabled. No action taken.

## BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER CHASE HURLEY TO THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Levake, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Hurley to the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Authority Board of Directors. The roll call vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:

Parreira, Levake, Barcellos, Delgado, Smith

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

### BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE BARRIER SOLAR PROPOSAL AND THE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT FROM DSD RENEWABLES

Upon a motion by Director Barcellos and seconded by Director Delgado, the Board unanimously approved a solar proposal with Barrier Solar and a power purchase agreement with DSD Renewables. The District agreed on a solar system that would cost \$1,400,000 and an estimated PG&E cost of \$175,000 for a total system cost of \$1,575,000. The system would produce 1,300,000 kWh/Yr. The power purchase agreement will be set up with no money down with a 25-year term and a 15- and 20-year buyout option. The District will not have any out-of-pocket expense. The roll call vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes: Absent:

Parreira, Levake, Barcellos, Delgado, Smith

None

Nays: Abstain:

None None

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

Water Supply update through April 30, 2022

a. Usage to date

1,676 AF

b. USBR Water Balance:

1,269 AF

c. Shasta Reservoir Storage (May 11, 2022):

40% of Capacity and 48% of Historical Average

d. San Luis Reservoir Storage (May 11, 2022):

46% of Capacity and 59% of Historical Average

Water Quality

a. March blended water quality at Lateral 6:

500 TDS and .50 ppm Boron

b. April blended water quality at Lateral 6:

736 TDS and .75 ppm Boron

### SUPPLEMENTAL WATER

The Board agreed to submit a check for \$5,000 to the Bureau of Reclamation for their staff time to investigate the possibility of moving supplemental water from the SHS Family Limited Partnership in western Merced County to Pacheco Water District on behalf of Pacheco Water District landowner Steve Smith. Mr. Smith will reimburse the District the entire amount. Director Alec Smith recused himself from the discussion. Upon a motion by Director Delgado and seconded by Director Levake, the Board unanimously approved submitting the check for \$5,000. The roll call vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:

Parreira, Levake, Barcellos, Delgado

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

Smith

### **OPERATIONS: Mike Gardner**

- a. Routine Maintenance Update: Mr. Gardner reported the Water Operators are 100% complete servicing all seventy-one water and tile sump meters in the district. Mr. Gardner reported that staff is continuing to service all the lift pumps and tile sump pumps on a weekly basis.
- b. Mr. Gardner reported that all eight pre-approved winter projects are 100% complete and the District is almost done plumbing the five (5) Saran wells into the Pacheco Lift.

### **DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT: Palmer McCov**

- Grassland Basin Authority (GBA)
  - The GBA is in the middle of their first cutting of the alfalfa hay and hay prices are up. i.
  - ii. The GBA started the second fertilizer and pesticide treatment on the pistachio trees. The trees will be irrigated with well water this year instead of fresh water.
  - The GBA did not put any water into the existing Panoche ponds this year so the GBA iii. will save money on the bird hazing program.
  - The GBA received the pumps and structures bid for the new ponds and Summers iv. Engineering is working on an award letter. The GBA is hoping to have construction of the ponds completed by the end of the 2022 calendar year.
  - The GBA is installing a pipeline on the northwest section of the old O'banion property ٧. to move water around more efficiently. All projects are utilizing funds from the Prop 84 grant.
  - vi. The GBA participates in a well pumping program. The program receives water from the DMC and blends it with well water and then discharges that blended water back into the DMC to meet water quality standards. The GBA expects to pump 2,800 acre feet this year which will be divided and utilized among the GBA participants. Pacheco's share is 8.65% and the cost of the water is \$579 per acre foot. The GBA expects Pacheco's annual portion to be 242 acre feet.

- 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:
  - i. The revised GSP is due back to DWR in mid-July 2022.
  - ii. The subbasin members are meeting weekly to flesh out the final work product for the revised and updated GSP.
  - iii. The group will be meeting with DWR staff next week to ask questions and gather further information and direction on assorted items that are still outstanding in the re-write of the GSP. Some of those items are:
    - a) Water Quality
    - b) Groundwater Levels
    - c) Subsidence
  - iv. Ms. Layne also reviewed the latest draft updates for the Sustainable Management Criteria, Measurable Objectives, and the Minimum Thresholds.
- b. San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA): Mr. Hurley gave an update as follows:
  - i. BF Sisk Dam Raise: The SLDMWA activity agreement has been signed by Pacheco Water District. It currently looks like ten member agencies will sign and participate in Phase One. The first meeting of the activity members along with the Project management team is slated for early June.
  - ii. New Electric Transmission Facilities: The SLDMWA is continuing its efforts to finalize a construction and finance plan for the new transmission infrastructure from the Jones Pumping Plant to Santa Nella. The Project is looking to be much more expensive than originally discussed; but is one that needs to get done int eh near future. The SLDMWA is continuing to vet out multiple partners that would be willing to cost share the infrastructure.
  - iii. Mendota Pool Operations: The SLDMWA is continuing its efforts to stay involved in discussions on a host of Mendota Pool operations such as Hyacinth control, San Joaquin River Flows, the Mendota Pool Group operations, and Westlands Water Districts CIP pumping program.
- c. Water Resource Plan: Mr. Hurley stated that staff continues to use the current draft of Pacheco's Water Resource Plan as it moves into another water short summer. The Plan is still considered draft and will be brought back to the board for further review as staff makes progress on multiple items within the Plan.

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

There were no other items

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

No closed session was needed

#### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

No closed session was needed

### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2022, at 9am.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Staff to send a breakdown of the CCID water rate to the Board
- 2. Staff to investigate the Ag Monitoring Program for our lift pumps
- 3. Staff to send signed term sheet to DSD Renewables
- 4. Staff to send DSD power purchase agreement to our attorney

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President Parreira adjourned the meeting at 11:24 am.

David Parreira, President

Chase Hurley, Secretary