

**PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
May 10, 2022, at 9:00 A.M.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 authorizing the District’s legislative body to hold meetings by web and teleconference, and to make meetings accessible to the public electronically, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors Present:        John Bennett, President  
                                 Michael Linneman, Vice-President  
                                 Steve Fausone, Secretary  
                                 Aaron Barcellos, Director  
                                 Beau Correia, Director

Directors Absent:        None

District Staff Present:   Ara Azhderian, General Manager

Others Present:         Philip Williams, General Counsel

***SPECIAL NOTE:** A power outage unavoidably disrupted the District’s ability to provide the public virtual access to the meeting as noticed. After discussion with General Counsel Williams, the Board elected to proceed with the non-public closed session agenda items and non-action reports. All action items were deferred to a May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, special meeting of the Board.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54952.3**

Pursuant to the Brown Act, President Bennett announced that Directors do not receive compensation or a stipend for simultaneous or serial order meetings of Panoche Water District, Panoche Drainage District, Panoche Financing Authority, and/or the Panoche Resource Conservation District.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Bennett called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

The Determination, Consent Calendar, and all other Action Items were deferred to a special meeting of the Board scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum of the Board and presence of the District’s Officers were confirmed.

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No conflicts were reported.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **PANOCHÉ WATER & DRAINAGE DISTRICTS' JOINT CLOSED SESSION**

General Counsel Williams announced that the Panoche Water and Drainage Districts Boards would meet jointly in closed session for a conference with legal counsel on anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, Subdivision (d), Paragraphs (2) or (3).

*At approximately 9:15 a.m., President Bennett called the joint closed session to order.*

*At approximately 10:45 a.m., President Bennett adjourned the joint closed session.*

## **JOINT CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

General Counsel Williams reported the Boards met jointly with legal counsel in closed session and took no reportable action.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

General Manager Azhderian presented the Board the Budget-to-Actual report. In response to a question raised at the previous meeting, he reported that the reason why 80% of the General Overhead budget had been spent in the first month of the fiscal-year was because the District's annual property and liability insurance policy payment was made then and it represents the majority of the annual General Overhead costs.

## **DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT REPORT**

General Manager Azhderian updated the Board on activities at the San Joaquin River Improvement Project and the Grassland Bypass Project, noting that South Dakota Labs had restored their selenium testing capability so all of the monthly water quality reports since the outage were presented and showed that all the water quality results between January and April were well within the Regional Board's Waste Discharge Requirements objective.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Azhderian updated the Board on various ongoing grant administration activities, noting a virtual "job showing" for the short-term stormwater storage basins pumps and motors Invitation for Bids was held on April 21, 2022. He said the deadline for responses to the IFB was May 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **REPORTS ON OTHER ITEMS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(A)(3)**

No reports were given.

## **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

A special meeting of the Board was scheduled for May 24, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for June 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business on the agenda, President Bennett adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

  
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John Bennett, President

  
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Michael Linneman, Acting Secretary