

**PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
December 21, 2021, at 9:00 A.M.**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in accordance with Resolution 791-21 proclaiming a local emergency and authorizing remote teleconference Board meetings through January 13, 2022, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, and to make the meetings accessible to the public electronically. 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  
                                 Diane Rathmann, Of Counsel  
                                 Chris Panetta, Special Counsel  
                                 William Hahesy, Special Counsel  
                                 Suzanne Redfern-West, Redfern Ranches

**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 9:03 a.m.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the Agenda.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts reported.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

General Manager Azhderian wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**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 9:04 a.m., President Bennett called the joint closed session to order.*

*At approximately 12:31 p.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.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for January 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

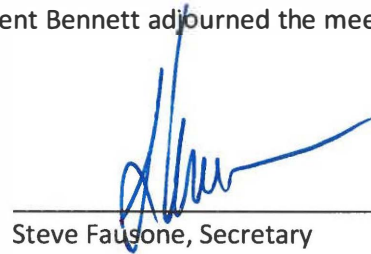
**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business on the agenda, President Bennett adjourned the meeting at 12:31 p.m.



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John Bennett, President



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Steve Fausone, Secretary