

**PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 25, 2022, at 9:00 A.M.**

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 authorizing remote teleconference Board meetings and making those 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
 Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority
 David Cory, Camp 13 Drainage District

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 meeting to order at 9:01 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

There was no public comment.

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE DRAINAGE SERVICE FEE FOR LANDS FARMED BY THE GRASSLAND BASIN AUTHORITY

General Manager Azhderian presented a memorandum providing background on how the District calculates its annual Drainage Service Fee and explained that some of the lands farmed as part of the San

Joaquin River Improvement Project are subject to the Fees. With the transfer of day-to-day SJRIP operations and maintenance responsibilities to the Grassland Basin Authority, General Manager Palmer McCoy was requesting reconsideration of the historical practice, Azhderian said. He presented the Board four scenarios to help illustrate the issue and a range of potential impacts to the members of the GBA and related activities administered by the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority. Azhderian explained the lands in question were privately farmed prior to becoming part of the SJRIP and so were billed for drainage service by the District and the Water Authority. Later, he said, when those lands became part of the SJRIP and, afterward, when the GBA was formed, the practice continued. So, the purpose of the District billing those lands is, in large part, to recover the costs imposed on the District by the Water Authority and GBA. Azhderian noted the circularness of the practice and said one remedy would be for the Water Authority and GBA to simply not bill services to those lands in the first place. However, he said, the challenge would be reconciling the affected parcels with the Water Authority and GBA billings as those entities and the District all have differing billing acreages. After discussion, the Board directed staff to work with the Water Authority and GBA to reconcile the acreages and bring the matter back for future consideration.

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 9:32 a.m., President Bennett called the joint closed session to order.

At approximately 11:55 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.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for 9:00 a.m., February 8, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, President Bennett adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m..



John Bennett, President



Steve Fousone, Secretary

**PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 11, 2022, at 9:00 A.M.**

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held in accordance with Resolution 818-22 proclaiming a local emergency and authorizing remote teleconference Board meetings through October 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
 Juan Cadena, Water Resources Manager
 Lorena Chagoya, Ethics & Compliance Officer
 Josh Marquez, Contracts Administrator

Others Present: Philip Williams, General Counsel
 Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

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

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

There was no public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

General Manager Azhderian presented the Board with the Consent Calendar, which included a draft Resolution determining that during the proclaimed state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meeting in person would present imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees; draft minutes from the August 09, 2022, regular meeting of the Board; and the monthly financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2022. After consideration, on a motion by Director Barcellos, seconded by Director Correia, the Board accepted the Consent Calendar as presented.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	Bennett, Linneman, Fausone, Barcellos, Correia
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE BUDGET TO REPLACE THE SABATTE DRAIN PIPELINE CROSSING AT THE DELTA-MENDOTA CANAL AND TO ACCOUNT FOR UNBUDGETED EQUIPMENT USAGE

General Manager Azhderian presented a memorandum providing background on work being planned by the San Luis & Delta- Mendota Water Authority to replace the bridge across the Delta-Mendota Canal upon which the Sabatte Drain pipeline is hung. The Sabatte Drain pipeline is steel, at the end of its useful life, and has been an increasing source of repairs and maintenance costs, Azhderian said, and, as part of its work, the SLDMWA is offering to re-hang a new pipeline for the District, if the District is willing to purchase the pipe. He said the District would also be responsible for the installation of the pipe outside of the SLDMWA’s right-of-way, to connect it from the Sabatte Drain pump station on the south side of the DMC to the pipeline’s outlet on the north side. He explained the Sabatte Drain conveys subsurface drainage for the Charleston Drainage District, Pacheco Water District, and the Panoche Water District and that the initial estimated cost of the replacement is \$55,000. After consideration, on a motion by Director Barcellos, seconded by Director Fausone, the Board authorized the increase to the Repair & Maintenance Budget to replace the Pipeline.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	Bennett, Linneman, Fausone, Barcellos, Correia
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Manager Azhderian presented the Board with the District’s accounts payable. The Board requested staff analyze the potential cost savings of using generic herbicides. After consideration, on a motion by Director Barcellos, seconded by Director Linneman, the Board approved payment of the bills.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	Bennett, Linneman, Fausone, Barcellos, Correia
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Manager Azhderian presented the Board the monthly FY2021-22 Budget-to-Actual Report. The Board requested staff examine the Water District’s Property Related Fees & Charges Delinquency Policy to clarify that it also protects the Drainage District.

DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT REPORT

Grassland Basin Authority General Manager Palmer McCoy reported on activities at the San Joaquin River Improvement Project. General Manager Azhderian reported on Grassland Bypass Project related activities.

At approximately 9:45 a.m., President Bennett suspended the Drainage District meeting and proceeded with the Water District meeting.

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 11:30 a.m., President Bennett called the joint closed session to order.

At approximately 12:40 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.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

No report was given.

DIVISION REPORTS

No reports were given.

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


No reports were given.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

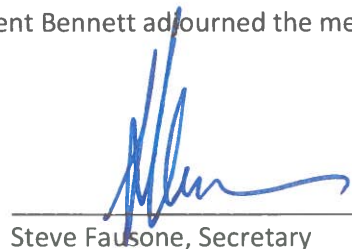
The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for 9:00 a.m., November 8, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, President Bennett adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m..



John Bennett, President



Steve Fausone, Secretary