

PESCADERO RECLAMATION DISTRICT # 2058

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PESCADERO RECLAMATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 this meeting was conducted exclusively by teleconference.

Minutes of May 6, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Nat Bacchetti
Greg Pombo
Richard Pellegrini

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Alexis Stevens (District Counsel)
Alyson Ackerman (Somach Simmons & Dunn)
Janis Arnaudo (District Secretary)
Francesca Gosner (District Staff)

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and Trustees Bacchetti, Pellegrini, and Pombo were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Trustee Bacchetti read the items for consent.

Trustee Pombo moved to approve the minutes for the April 1, 2020 Board Meeting, and approve Items B, C, and D of the consent calendar (review and approve claims for payment and financial report, review and approve pump report, and review and approve payroll, respectively). Trustee Pellegrini seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote and votes were cast as follows:

Trustee Nat Bacchetti:	Yes
Trustee Richard Pellegrini:	Yes
Trustee Greg Pombo:	Yes

The motion to approve the minutes for the April 1, 2020 Board Meeting, and approve Items B, C, and D of the consent calendar (review and approve claims for payment and financial report, review and approve pump report, and review and approve payroll, respectively) was carried.

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS:

A. Consider and Discuss Approval of Delta Levee Maintenance Subventions Program Work Agreement for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

District Counsel discussed the Delta Levee Maintenance Subventions Program Work Agreement for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (Subvention Work Agreement). District Counsel provided the estimated approved reimbursement and advancement under the Subvention Work Agreement, noting that the funding is consistent with last year.

Trustee Bacchetti moved to approve the Delta Levee Maintenance Subventions Program Work Agreement for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Trustee Pombo seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote and votes were cast as follows:

Trustee Nat Bacchetti:	Yes
Trustee Richard Pellegrini:	Yes
Trustee Greg Pombo:	Yes

The motion to approve the Delta Levee Maintenance Subventions Program Work Agreement for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 was carried.

B. Discuss Director Compensation Issues

District Counsel discussed legally permissible trustee compensation options and the required steps to implement the options. District Counsel advised the Trustees to develop a list of activities that should be included in the policy and for which the Trustees would be compensated. District Counsel will prepare a draft compensation policy for consideration at the next Board meeting.

C. Discuss Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

District Counsel discussed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the relief provided under each. District Counsel reported that despite these two government programs, there is currently no reimbursement program for local agencies. District Counsel reported that she will continue monitoring legislative developments and report to the Board if any program applicable to local agencies is enacted.

D. Discuss District Website

District Counsel reported the status of the District's new website. Ms. Ackerman reported that the new website will go live next week – on or about May 11, 2020.

E. Discuss Administration of District Assessment

District Counsel discussed the costs associated with the District hiring a consultant to administer its assessments. District Counsel reported the time and work spent creating, reconciling, and issuing the District's assessments this year. The Board and District staff discussed whether subsequent years' assessment will pose similar issues and whether resolution of such issues justifies the cost of a consultant. District Counsel stated that she would correspond with the consultant to see if a proposal for only select services could be developed and presented for the Board's future consideration.

F. Consider and Discuss Approval of Salary Adjustment for District Staff – R. Garcia

Trustee Pombo reported to the Board his conversations with R. Garcia regarding R. Garcia's salary and prospective retirement. The Board discussed salary adjustment options as well as preparation for Mr. Garcia's retirement.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

A. Repairs and Maintenance

The General Manager reported that Pump 6 is installed, in working order, and needs only minor adjustments, which he intends to perform this week.

The General Manager reported on the low water level in Tom Paine Slough and expressed uncertainty whether the Department of Water Resources' removal of the barrier in Old River on May 11, 2020 will have any positive effect on water levels. He further reported that there does not appear to be any tidal flows in Tom Paine Slough. The General Manager stated that he already sent a letter to the State regarding the low water level in Tom Paine Slough and also informed John Herrick at South Delta Water Agency.

The General Manager then reported that the California Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways will not conduct its submersed invasive aquatic plant management in waterways due to concerns regarding the effects of the applied herbicide (Fluridone) on crops.

The General Manager reported on various maintenance efforts to improve water flow including spraying, collecting, and removing hyacinth from District conveyances.

B. Irrigation

The General Manager reported that all irrigation cards are being processed. He reported that landowners on Pump 5 and Pump 6 are waiting for water. The General Manager stated that he intends to direct District staff to reduce pumping through Pumps 2, 3, 8, and 9 in an effort to keep Pump 5 and Pump 6 running.

LEVEE REPORT

Trustee Pombo reported that Asta Construction began its work on the Erosion Repair Project on May 4, 2020.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session with District Counsel at approximately 11:30 a.m. to discuss potential litigation pursuant paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. The Board did not take any action during closed session. The Board returned from closed session at approximately 11:45 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Bacchetti adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.