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# PESCADERO RECLAMATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

# Minutes of November 3, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Nat Bacchetti

Richard Pellegri

OTHERS PRESENT: Alexis Stevens (District Counsel)

Francesca Gonser (District Staff) Nick Prichard (District Engineer)

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Bacchetti at 10:30 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and Trustees Bacchetti and Pellegri were present when the meeting was called to order. Trustee Pombo joined the meeting by phone, but did not participate in any action items.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Trustee Pellegri moved to approve the minutes for the October 6, 2021 regular Board Meeting, and approve Item B of the consent calendar (review and approve claims for payment and financial report).

Trustee Bacchetti seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote and votes were cast as follows:

Trustee Nat Bacchetti: Yes
Trustee Richard Pellegri: Yes
Trustee Greg Pombo: Absent

The motion to approve the minutes for the October 6, 2021 regular Board Meeting and approve Item B of the consent calendar (review and approve claims for payment and financial report) was carried.

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## PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS:

#### A. Discuss Water Supply Issues

District Counsel and Trustee Pellegri provided updates.

B. Consider and Discuss Approval of Delta Levee Maintenance Subventions Program Work Agreement for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and Resolution 2021-02 Authorizing the President of the Board to Execute Same

District Counsel and the District Engineer discussed the agreement and its purpose.

Trustee Pellegri moved to approve the Delta Levee Maintenance Subventions Program Work Agreement for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and Resolution 2021-02 Authorizing the President of the Board to Execute Same. Trustee Bacchetti seconded the motion. The matter was put to a vote and votes were cast as follows:

Trustee Nat Bacchetti: Yes
Trustee Richard Pellegri: Yes
Trustee Greg Pombo: Absent

The motion to approve the Delta Levee Maintenance Subventions Program Work Agreement for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and Resolution 2021-02 Authorizing the President of the Board to Execute Same was carried.

# C. Consider and Discuss Approval of Water Rates for 2022

Trustee Pombo requested that District Staff prepare a profit/loss statement for the 2021 irrigation season and suggested that the Board hold off on taking any action on the water rates until the Trustees have had a change to review current financial information.

Francesca Gonser inquired about whether the Board would be interested in the ability to take additional forms of payment (e.g. credit cards) as a way to encourage timely payment. The Board directed Ms. Gonser to get more information about this, including costs.

No action was taken, but the Board directed that this item be brought back at the December Board meeting.

#### D. Discuss Increase to District Assessment

General Counsel explained that the Board can increase the assessment up to 3%, depending on the Consumer Price Index. She also explained that any increase should be considered at the June 2022 Board meeting. If an increase is adopted at that time, it would be effective for the assessments collected by the County in December 2022

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and April 2023, and the agricultural landowners would be invoiced in January 2023. Notice of any increase should go out in August 2022.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The General Manager reported irrigation finished on October 22nd. Pump 3 ran for two days after the rain because Tom Paine Slough was really high. The staff is working on repairing leaks on Pump 1. They are draining the pipelines today. Mendoza is coming on Friday to work on Pump 8. Otis has completed his work unless he comes back to remove water hyacinth on Tom Paine Slough where it is really thick.

#### LEVEE REPORT

Trustee Pombo reported that the goats finished last week. The District received its preliminary levee inspection and it is pretty much the same as it has been. Everything is clean and there are no weeds. The FSRP retention check has not yet been received. The Trustees discussed a date for spraying the levee. Trustee Bacchetti asked about the squirrels on Sugar Cut. Trustee Pombo said that he would call the CO<sub>2</sub> person about coming back out and said that the District can spread some bait. Trustee Pellegri said he would have Rogelio get the bait stations put up before he leaves.

## DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT

<u>FSRP</u> - The District Engineer reported that something was kicked back from the state. It has been corrected and resubmitted. There is something internal to DWR going on and there is no date certain when the retention check will be received.

<u>IPT IV</u> – The District Engineer reported that there has been no change on this project and no one has reached out to him.

<u>Subventions</u> – The District Engineer reported that the inspections should be occurring soon.

<u>Seefried</u> – The District Engineer reported that he has not had any word from the contract. There is still some minor work that needs to be done. He received the easement documents and they look acceptable, but he needs to wait until the final map is recorded before the easement can be recorded.

## DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REPORT

District Counsel reported that she reached out to the Delta Watermaster for assistance with organizing/cleaning up the landowner water use reporting. She will try to start working on this in the next month or so.

District Counsel also reported that she had a conflict on the date for the Board's next regular meeting on December 1. It was determined that the regular meeting would be cancelled and a special meeting will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 10:30 am.

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# **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

None.

# **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board did not go into closed session.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Trustee Bacchetti adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.