

PESCADERO RECLAMATION DISTRICT # 2058

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PESCADERO RECLAMATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

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

Minutes of March 26, 2021 Board of Trustees Special Meeting

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Nat Bacchetti
Richard Pellegrini
Greg Pombo

OTHERS PRESENT: Alexis Stevens (District Counsel)
Francesca Gonser (District Staff)
Sanjay Hooda (District Landowner) – joined after public comment period

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Bacchetti at 10:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Mr. Hooda joined the meeting after the public comment period, but commented later during the meeting. Mr. Hooda expressed concern about squirrels on his property. District Counsel explained that because the issue was not on the agenda, discussion must be limited. However, District Counsel informed Mr. Hooda that an item on the squirrel abatement issue will be included on the Board's next agenda and the District will reach out and let him know when that meeting will be held so that he can attend if he is available.

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS:

A. Consider and Discuss Approval of 2021 Water Rates

District Counsel reported that the water rates are currently \$18 per acre per irrigation for flood irrigation and \$55 per acre foot for drip irrigation. The Board last increased the water rates in December 2018 to be effective for the 2019 water year. General Manager Pellegrini reported that PG&E costs alone for 2020 increased approximately 30%.

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Trustee Bacchetti expressed his belief that the water rates need to be increased and suggested that they be increased to \$19.00 per acre per irrigation for flood irrigation and the same percentage increase for drip.

Trustee Pombo expressed concern that the two water rates may not be equal and said that he wants to make sure that the District is treating people equally. He stated that he believed the District should hire a consultant to look into this further. Discussion ensued.

Trustee Pellegrini moved to approve increasing the District's water rates to \$19.00 per acre per irrigation for flood irrigation and \$57.92 per acre foot for drip irrigation to be effective May 1, 2021. 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 increasing the District's water rates to \$19.00 per acre per irrigation for flood irrigation and \$57.92 per acre foot for drip irrigation to be effective May 1, 2021 was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Bacchetti adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.