

**PANOCHÉ WATER DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 29, 2022, at 9:30 A.M.**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in accordance with District Resolution 806-22 proclaiming a local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and authorizing the District's legislative body to hold meetings by web and teleconference, and to make meetings accessible to the public electronically, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors Present: John Bennett, President
 Aaron Barcellos, Vice-President
 Mike Stearns, Secretary
 Steve Fausone, Director
 Beau Correia, Director

Directors Absent: None

District Staff Present: Ara Azhderian, General Manager
 Juan Cadena, Water Resources Manager
 Lorena Chagoya, Ethics & Compliance Officer

Others Present: Philip Williams, General Counsel
 Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority
 Will Gleason, West Hills Farm Services

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 9:32 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

No conflicts were reported.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT DURING THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MEETING IN PERSON WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISK TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES

General Manager Azhderian explained this Resolution was identical to previous versions adopted over the past few months pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, except that it further extended the timeframe in which the Board and public may meet virtually to April 28, 2022. After consideration, on a motion by Director Correia, seconded by Director Barcellos, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution as presented.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

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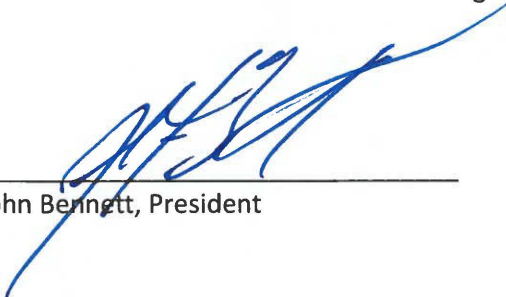
General Manager Azhderian presented the Board a memorandum summarizing the activities and priorities of the Drainage District, the services of which are primarily performed by the Water District. He explained that the entirety of the Drainage District's services and resultant fees generally occur at four levels, on-farm, within the Drainage District, at the San Joaquin River Improvement Project, and at the Grassland Bypass Project, with the total cost ratios of the various levels generally being 20% from the Drainage District, 35% from the Grassland Bypass Project, and 45% from the San Joaquin River Improvement Project. Azhderian said that, in addition to its routine services, the immediate priorities for the Drainage District are to establish a budget and drainage service fee for the current fiscal-year so that the District can timely pay its membership dues to the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and Grassland Basin Authority, and to issue a Request for Proposal soliciting financial auditing services. Over the next few years, he said the priorities would be to complete the annexation of new lands and the Proposition 84 funded Westside Regional Drainage Management Plan implementation projects. The Board requested staff prepare a list of key priorities for the Drainage and Water districts and an assessment of the resources necessary to achieve them, including staffing. In addition, the Board requested preparation of a maintenance plan and evaluation of a cost accounting system.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for April 12, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, President Bennett adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.



John Bennett, President



Mike Stearns, Secretary