

PANOCHÉ WATER DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 17, 2023, at 9:30 A.M.

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 authorizing the District's legislative body to hold meetings by web and teleconference, and to make meetings accessible to the public electronically. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors Present: Aaron Barcellos, President
 Steve Fausone, Secretary
 Wayne Western, Director
 Neill Callis, Director

Directors Absent: Beau Correia, Vice-President

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

ANNOUNCEMENT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54952.3

Pursuant to the Brown Act, President Barcellos 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 Barcellos called the regular meeting to order at 9:46 a.m.

DETERMINATION

General Manager Azhderian presented the Board a Resolution and explained it was identical to previous COVID-19 determinations adopted by the Board except that it extended the proclaimed state of emergency and ability for the Board and public to meet virtually until February 16, 2023. Azhderian said the State had passed a new set of rules governing virtual meetings that would go into effect on March 1, so he expected this to be the last COVID-19 determination to be made by the Board. After consideration, on a motion by Director Callis, seconded by Director Western, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution as presented.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes: Barcellos, Fausone, Western, Callis
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Correia

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.

DIVISION REPORTS

No reports were given.

PANOCHÉ WATER & DRAINAGE DISTRICTS’ 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 9:48 a.m., President Barcellos called the joint closed session to order.

At approximately 11:19 a.m., President Barcellos adjourned the joint closed session.

JOINT CLOSED SESSION REPORT

General Counsel Williams reported the Boards met jointly with legal counsel in closed session and authorized execution of a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with Michael L. Dresick. No other reportable action was taken.

CLOSED SESSION

General Counsel Williams announced there was no need for a Water District only Closed Session.

CONSENT CALENDAR

General Manager Azhderian presented the Board with the Consent Calendar, which included draft minutes from the December 13, 2022, regular meeting of the Board; the monthly financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2022; and the Director’s Monthly Credit Card Usage Report. After consideration, on a motion by Director Western, seconded by Director Callis, the Board accepted the Consent Calendar as presented.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes:	Barcellos, Fausone, Western, Callis
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Correia

THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Manager Azhderian presented the Board with the District’s accounts payable. After consideration, on a motion by Director Callis, seconded by Director Fausone, the Board approved payment of the bills as presented.

The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes: Barcellos, Fausone, Western, Callis
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Correia

FINANCIAL REPORTS

General Manager Azhderian presented the Board the Budget-to-Actual report. Azhderian also reviewed a draft fiscal-year ending 2024 budget. The Board discussed utilizing a 5% Central Valley Project contract allocation scenario, the potential refund of the 2021 CVP Bond assessment coverage, modifying the Directors benefits to include only a meeting stipend, a range of repair and maintenance activities, and the potential implementation of land based service fees.

REPORTS UNDER DISTRICT POLICIES

No report was given

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Azhderian updated the Board on water supply and water supply projects. Azhderian also reported that construction of the District's western one-megawatt solar project would be delayed by perhaps a couple of years due to the need for Pacific Gas & Electric to resolve transmission congestion at the Oro Loma substation. He noted that, as of now, there is not an expected reduction in projected economics of the project but that could change if the delay exceeds the 3-year implementation timeframe set by the California Public Utilities Commission and commissioning the project prior to energization becomes necessary. Azhderian said more would be known in the fall after PG&E completes its congestion study.

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

No reports were given.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

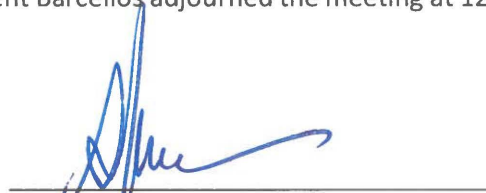
A special meeting of the Board was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on January 31, 2023. The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on February 14, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, President Barcellos adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m.



Aaron Barcellos, President



Steve Fausone, Secretary