PANOCHE WATER DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 10, 2026 at 9:30 am

MEETING LOCATION
Panoche Water District Boardroom
52027 West Althea Ave.
Firebaugh, CA 93622

AGENDA

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54952.3, Water Code sections 34740 and 34741, and the District's Bylaws, let it be known that Board members may receive either: A $100.00 stipend as compensation for participation in today's meeting and for each day's service rendered as a Director, not to exceed a total of $600.00 in any calendar month, or, as an Executive Officer of the District, a $500.00 per month stipend as compensation for their service to the District.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL:** A quorum will be confirmed, and the Board will consider appointment of an acting Officer (s) in the event the President, Vice-President, and/or Secretary is absent from the meeting.

3. **POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Any Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the Agenda Item and recuse themself from discussing and voting on the matter. [Government Code Section 87105]

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Board of Directors welcomes participation in Board meetings. The public may address matters under the jurisdiction of the Board that have not been posted in the Agenda. The public will be given the opportunity to address the Board on any item in the Agenda at this time or before the Board's consideration of that item. If members of the public desire to address the Board relative to a particular Agenda item at the time it is to be considered, they should so notify the President of the Board at this time. Please note, California Law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter during a regular meeting that is not on the posted Agenda unless the Board determines that it is an emergency or one of the other situations specified in Government Code Section 54954.2. During a special meeting, the Board may not take action on any matter that is not on the posted Agenda. The President may limit the total amount of time allocated for public comment on particular issues to 3 minutes for each individual speaker.

ACTION ITEMS

5. **BOARD TO RECEIVE PROPOSAL OUTLINING INVESTMESTMENT STRATEGIES FROM DECORUM WEALTH MANAGEMENT** (Macha/Curiel)

6. **BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING OCTOBER 13, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** (Reyes)

7. **BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTING SURFACE WATER PRIORITIZATION POLICY** (McGowan)

8. **BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER AMENDMENTS MADE TO DISTRICTS WATER APPLICATION** (McGowan)

9. **BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION # 863-26 AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT TO PG&E FOR UTILITY SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LINNEMAN SOLAR PROJECTPROJECT AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA** (McGowan)

10. **THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTING PROPOSED BOARD GOVERNANCE EXPECTATIONS POLICY** (McGowan)

11. **BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER REVISIONS TO DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS FOR OUTSIDE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES** (McGowan)

12. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** (Brazil)
    A. Accounts Payable
    B. Monthly Financials
    C. FYE 2024 Budget-to-Actual Report
    D. Other financial matters affecting the District

REPORT ITEMS

13. **DIVISION REPORTS**
    A. Water Supply Update (Reyes)
    B. Operations & Maintenance (Carlucci)
    C. Ethics, Compliance, and Risk Management Update (Marquez)
        I. Update on Forefront Solar Project
        II. Update on USBR Water Smart Grant Project for Contour Canal and Expenses
    D. Human Resources Update (Brazil)
    E. Other Matters

14. **BOARD TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM STAFF ON VARIOUS MATTERS AFFECTING THE DISTRICT** (McGowan)

15. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (McGowan)
    A. SGMA
    B. Domestic Water Treatment Plant Update
    C. Solar Project Update
    D. Healthy Rivers & Landscapes Program/Voluntary Agreements
    E. Water Supply, Storage, and Conveyance Discussions

16. **REPORTS ON OTHER ITEMS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(a)(3)**

17. PANOCHE WATER & DRAINAGE DISTRICTS JOINT CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Legal Counsel.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(d), paragraph (2) or (3):
Number of Cases: Three

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(1):
Names of Cases:

I. PCFFA v. Glaser, et. al.
US District Court, E.D. Cal, Case No. 2:11-cv-02980

REPORT FROM JOINT CLOSED SESSION (GOVERNMENT CODE SCTION 54957.1)

18. PANOCHE WATER DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(d), paragraph (2) or (3):
Number of Cases: Four

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(1):

Names of Cases:

i. Center for Biological Diversity, et al. v. United States, et al.
US District Court, E.D. Cal, Case No. 1:20-CV-00760 DAD-EPG

ii. North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. Kenneth Salazar, et al.
US District Court, E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:16-cv-00307-DAD-SKO

iii. Firebaugh Canal Water District & Central California Water District v. United States, et al. US District Court, E.D. Cal., Case 1:88-cv-00634-LJO-SKO

C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Section 54956.8
Property: Land and Associated Infrastructure
Agency Negotiator: Patrick McGowan, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: Panoche Water District
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

Property: Water
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Negotiating Parties: Panoche Water District, SLDMWA

Under Negotiations: Price and Terms

D. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representative: Patrick McGowan, General Manager
Unrepresented
Employees: District Staff
Employee Organization: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

19. FUTURE MEETING DATES

A. Next Regular meeting date: December 8, 2026.

20. ADJOURNMENT

- Items on the Agenda may be taken in any order.
- Action may be taken on any item listed on the Agenda.
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