

PANOCHÉ WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 9, 2024 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 themselves 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. THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING AS FINAL THE PRICE, PAIGE, & COMPANY DRAFT FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2023, SUBJECT TO ANY FURTHER BOARD DIRECTION**

6. **BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE DECEMBER 12, 2023 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES** (Reyes)
7. **FINANCIAL REPORT** (Brazil)
 - A. Accounts Payable
 - B. Monthly Financials
 - C. FYE 2024 Budget-to-Actual Report
 - D. Other financial matters affecting the District
8. **THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WY2023 RETURN WATER POLICY**
9. **THE BOARD TO FURTHER REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVING A REQUEST FROM LANDOWNERS/WATER USERS, STEVE SMITH AND NEILL CALLIS REPRESENTING TURLOCK FRUIT COMPANY RELATED TO SUPPLEMENTAL WATER**
10. **THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AWARD FOR SAFETY SERVICES WITH CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATOR MR. MARQUEZ INCLUDING THE PRICE QUOTE FROM SAFETY COMPLIANCE**
11. **THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND APPROVE A 10-YEAR REPAYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND PANOCHÉ WATER DISTRICT BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2024, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$1,433,043, AS WELL AS ADOPT THE RESOLUTION NEEDED FOR THIS ACTION**
12. **THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PANOCHÉ WATER DISTRICT (PWD) AND THE GRASSLANDS BASIN AUTHORITY (GBA)**
13. **THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE GRASSLAND BASIN AUTHORITY INTEREST REPAYMENT OF PAST INVOICES**

REPORT ITEMS

14. **DIVISION REPORTS**
 - A. Water Supply Update (Reyes)
 - B. Operations & Maintenance (Carlucci)
 - C. Domestic Water Treatment Plant (Cadena/Carlucci/McGowan)
 - D. Ethics, Compliance, and Risk Management Update (Marquez)
 - E. Human Resources Update (Brazil)
 - F. Other Matters
15. **THE BOARD TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FOREFRONT SOLAR PROJECT FOR THE DISTRICT** (Cadena)
16. **THE BOARD TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE USBR WATER SMART GRANT PROJECT FOR THE CONTOUR CANAL AND EXPENSES.** (Marquez)

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

- 18. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (McGowan)
 - A. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
 - B. Los Vaqueros Expansion Project
 - C. Water Storage and Conveyance Discussions
 - D. San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority
 - I. South of Delta Transfer Program
 - II. North of Delta Transfer Program
 - E. Other Matters

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

- 20. **PANOCHÉ 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 SECTION 54957.1)

- 21. **PANOCHÉ 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. Imani Percoats & Chris Bettencourt vs. Panoche Water District Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 18CECG01651

 - ii. 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

- iii. 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
- iv. 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

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 Negotiating Parties: Panoche Water District
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 Agency Negotiator: Patrick McGowan, General Manager
 Negotiating Parties: Panoche Water District, SLDMWA
 Under Negotiations: Price and Terms

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

22. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Board to consider action to set special meeting date(s)
- B. Next regular meeting date: February 13, 2024

23. 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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