

# JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SPECIAL MEETING

## MINUTES November 7, 2022

### ATTENDANCE

#### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Riley Chaney, President  
Jeremy Hughes, Vice-President  
Robert Motte, Secretary-Treasurer  
Robert Barcellos, Assessor

#### RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO.1606

Gerald W. Kinnunen  
Wm. Cory Carvahlo

#### EXCUSED

Micah Combs

#### LANDOWNERS / GROWERS

Martin Barcellos  
Thomas Coleman (Zoom)  
Andrew Groppetti  
Sal Parra, Jr. (Zoom)

#### ABSENT

None

#### STAFF PRESENT

Manny Amorelli, General Manager  
Walter Flores, Office Manager  
Kenneth Mancini, Superintendent  
Donna Hanneman, Executive Assistant

#### PUBLIC / CONSULTANTS

- MUJERES PODEROSAS, LLC  
Amy Wolfe, Facilitator

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT ("District") was held Monday, November 7, 2022, in the District office located at 8749 Ninth Street, San Joaquin, California. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m., by President, Riley Chaney. A quorum was at all times present and acting.

Members of the public were encouraged to access the meeting via internet/Zoom or by utilizing the call-in number to allow them to fully participate in the meeting without having to be present.

### II. OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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B. ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no corrections/additions to the Agenda.

C. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST [FPPC §87105]

Directors were given an opportunity to identify potential conflicts-of-interest with items appearing on the Agenda. None were reported.

### III. ACTION ITEM

A. STRATEGIC PLANNING (02/08/2022)

General Manager, Manny Amorelli introduced Amy Wolfe, Mujeres Poderosas, LLC, who has been facilitating the development of a Strategic Plan for the District.

Ms. Wolfe provided handouts, "James Irrigation District Strategic Planning Questionnaire Results" (Att.1) and noted the Strategic Planning workshop would be split into two sessions (11/07, 11/08) with the following topics scheduled for review as follows:

Monday, November 7, 2022

- Norms & Expectations
- Review & Discuss Data
- Clearly Define & Rank Priorities

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

- Develop Action Plan for First Set of Priorities
- Organizational Next Steps

- Norms & Expectations

Ms. Wolfe encouraged everyone to be candid in offering their remarks/ideas, keeping a focus on the District's ability to execute, with an eye on fiscal responsibility, while ensuring everyone is "on the same page".

Ideas/concepts were explored of what is needed for the District to maintain its integrity in developing a 10-year road map for future planning, allowing for potential delays and to adhere to a time line for better planning/budgeting. At a minimum, annual reports should be presented to the Board and information communicated to growers and landowners as well.

- Review & Discuss Data

Data received from Strategic Plan Questionnaires was collated and reviewed in detail including functions the District performs well and, conversely, areas needing improvement.

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- Clearly Define & Rank Priorities

Following extensive discussion, priorities were ranked as follows:

- 1) It was agreed that Water Supply/SGMA issues are intertwined. Best/worst scenario planning should be prospectively developed.
- 2) Strengthen relationships with constituents, other agencies and/or organizations.
- 3) Infrastructure Maintenance
- 4) Developing/expanding renewable energy options (solar, wind, battery storage)
- 5) Infrastructure Projects (storage, automation, equipment, technology)

**LUNCH BREAK 12:03-12:28 P.M.**

It was agreed that the afternoon portion of the November 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting will be devoted to (1) Water/SGMA issues and (2) Infrastructure Maintenance.

#### IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 12:33 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

RECORDED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Donna Y, Hanneman, Executive Assistant

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Riley Chaney, President

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Manny Amorelli, General Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. James Irrigation District Strategic Planning Questionnaire Results