

**MADERA-CHOWCHILLA  
WATER & POWER AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 26, 2023**

**MINUTES**

**Directors Present:**

**Madera Irrigation District (“MID”)**

Tim DaSilva  
Brian Davis  
James Erickson  
Carl Janzen  
David Loquaci

**Chowchilla Water District (“CWD”)**

Russell Harris  
Michael Mandala  
Roger Schuh  
Vince Taylor

**Directors Absent:**

Director Upton, CWD

**Staff Present:**

T. Greci, General Manager (GM Greci)  
A. Kwock Sandoval, Secretary  
J. Furstenburg, Auditor-Treasurer  
K. McCoy, Canal and Hydro Plant Superintendent  
B. Gutierrez, Canal and Hydro Plant Assistant Superintendent

**Others Present:** Brandon Tomlinson, CWD; Dina Nolan, MID; Kip Hudson, Hudson & Henderson

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Davis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the business office of Madera Irrigation District, 12152 Road 28 ¼, Madera, CA 93637 due to the absence of the president and vice president of MCWPA.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Director Erickson / Director Janzen to approve the agenda as presented.

**VOTE: ROLL CALL**

AYES: Directors Harris, Mandala, Schuh, Taylor, DaSilva, Davis, Erickson, Janzen, and Loquaci  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Director Upton

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Davis opened and closed public comment due to no public in attendance

**1. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**

MOTION: Director Erickson / Director Janzen to elect Roger Schuh as President and Brian Davis as Vice President for MCWPA.

DISCUSSION: Secretary Sandoval noted historically the office of president has rotated between MID and CWD. Since, a MID director is the president currently, the office would go to a CWD director.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Davis opened public comment and closed public comment due to no public in attendance.

VOTE: ROLL CALL

AYES: Directors Harris, Mandala, Schuh, Taylor, DaSilva, Davis, Erickson, Janzen, and Loquaci  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Director Upton

*President Davis passed the gavel to newly elected President Schuh.*

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 2a. Approval of January 18, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
- 2b. Discussion / possible action on approval of warrant list payments from October 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- 2c. Discussion / possible action on monthly financial statements from October 1 – December 31, 2022
- 2d. Discussion / possible action on monthly financial statements from January 1 – March 31, 2023
- 2e. Discussion / possible action on monthly financial statements from April 1 – June 30, 2023
- 2f. Discussion / possible action on quarterly investment schedule from October 1 – December 31, 2022
- 2g. Discussion / possible action on quarterly investment schedule from January 1 – March 31, 2023
- 2h. Discussion / possible action quarterly investment schedule from April 1 – June 30, 2023

MOTION: Director Loquaci / Director Taylor to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Schuh opened public comment and closed public comment due to no public in attendance.

VOTE: ROLL CALL

AYES: Directors Harris, Mandala, Schuh, Taylor, DaSilva, Davis, Erickson, Janzen, and Loquaci  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Director Upton

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

3a. Update of Activities

Superintendent McCoy reported the Madera Canal has been at or near capacity for the past three months. There have been several leaks reported and repaired. There will be a FERC inspection held tomorrow and a Bureau of Reclamation inspection on Friday.

Superintendent McCoy reported all 4 power plants are online. There was a power outage at Plant 1174, and it was determined the standby generator would not open the bypass gate. It is likely a generator and a gate issue. GM Greci noted there is a capital item in this year's budget to replace the backup generator. Superintendent McCoy stated he received a quote for \$13,000 for a new generator with a lead time of 60 weeks and another quote for \$16,000 with a shorter lead time. There will be more research to determine the best option moving forward.

**4. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

4a. Update of Activities

- Timber Bridge Project

GM Greci reported the Timber Bridge Project has been on hold since the flood flows were released in January. Due to the nesting bird season, the contractor will not be able to complete the project until after September. All the materials were on site, but the contractor moved to their site. The project will not be re-bid; it is on hold.

GM Greci stated an employee of MCWPA drafted a logo for MCWPA. It has been a request for some time from employees to have a logo. The existing logo is "MCWPA" in block lettering. GM Greci stated we will look into something more unique for the Authority and have a graphic designer assist. The Board direction was to move forward with a logo for MCWPA and bring back for Board approval. GM Greci stated it would be a morale boost for the employees.

GM Greci stated the Madera Canal has been running at capacity. When the reservoir was brought

down to the penstocks, the head would change drastically, which in turn causes capacity changes. The fluctuations were causing the operators a lot of headaches when they were trying to maximize the canal. The fluctuations were put into the Fresno River. GM Greci stated uncontrolled season will end around August 1, 2023. The plants have been running most of the time. Currently through June, there is \$535,000 in revenue from the plants.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- 5a. Discussion / possible action on the acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for Year Ending December 31, 2022 and 2021, Resolution No. 2023-05 [**Timed Item 10:30 a.m.**]

MOTION: Director Janzen / Director Loquaci to accept the Audited Financial Statements for Years Ending December 31, 2022 and 2021, Resolution No. 2023-05.

DISCUSSION: Kip Hudson of Hudson & Henderson reviewed the Audited Financial Statements. Mr. Hudson noted this is the second year Hudson & Henderson has completed the audit. The net position of the Authority at the end of 2022 was \$792,387. The total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the was \$238,041. There were no new audited standards implemented this year. Director Janzen commented if next year there could be comparative with the previous year. Mr. Hudson stated it is a management decision and can be done if the Board would like.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Schuh opened public comment and closed public comment due to no public in attendance.

VOTE: ROLL CALL

AYES: Directors Harris, Mandala, Schuh, Taylor, DaSilva, Davis, Erickson, Janzen, and Loquaci  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Director Upton

- 5b. Discussion / possible direction on new control system for Plant 980

DISCUSSION: GM Greci stated the project was put on hold because we started running water. The plant has been running fairly well. GM Greci stated we have been discussing the new control system for Plant 980 for some time. The control systems need to be replaced in all the plants, but we are starting with 980. There is a capital item in the budget for this item.

GM Greci stated he would like direction from the Board on how to move forward. There was a proposal received from the Authority's current consultant for the project for \$277,000. The current proposal was received the consultant who is a one-man firm, but knows the history of the plants. GM Greci stated he spoke with Friant Power Authority; they used AC Electric and are happy with the results. The budget for the project is \$350,000. GM Greci stated we would like to get started on the project, but need a path forward. GM Greci stated it is engineering services and can be sole sourced, however he is a fan of bidding the project out.

Superintendent McCoy stated there are three control systems in Plant 980. It would be nice to condense to one control system. Superintendent McCoy stated Abshire will provide all the wiring, schematics, and computer programs for the new control panel. Those items can also be added to a request for bids. Superintendent McCoy stated if Abshire does the work then Assistant Superintendent Gutierrez will be able to assist him in the installation. GM Greci stated with a large union firm, staff will not be able to assist or even be near the project due to liability. The Board directed GM Greci to go out to bid for the project. Director Janzen stated the plant won't be offline for at least 120 days. GM Greci stated he would like to start this project soon because there is time required for design and getting the equipment.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Schuh opened public comment and closed public comment due to no public in attendance

5c. Discussion / possible action on designation of voting representative for Association of California Water Agencies

MOTION: Director DaSilva / Director Erickson to designate Carl Janzen as MCWPA's voting representative for the Association of California Water Agencies.

DISCUSSION: Director Janzen stated by default the voting representative for MCWPA is the general manager. Secretary Sandoval noted Director Janzen has been very involved with ACWA and currently votes for MID and Friant Power Authority. This would allow Director Janzen to vote for MCWPA in future elections.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Schuh opened public comment and closed public comment due to no public in attendance.

5d. Discussion / possible direction on update to Madera-Chowchilla Water & Power Authority Joint Powers Agreement

DISCUSSION: GM Greci stated at times there have been difficulties in getting a quorum for the Authority meetings. MCWPA is a 10 member board and the Joint Power Agreement ("JPA") requires at least three members from each agencies for a quorum. It has been a challenge over the years.

GM Greci stated to create some flexibility the idea is to reduce the number of board members and in turn reduce the quorum needed. GM Greci proposed a six member board with a quorum of two members from each agency. It would allow for two alternates from each agency. More members could attend the meeting, but would not vote. It would provide flexibility.

Director Mandala questioned if it is that big of a deal for meetings to be rescheduled. GM Greci stated the JPA was last amended in 1998. It would be beneficial to review the JPA to determine if other updates are needed. GM Greci stated this will be a process because both home boards will need to approve.

Director Janzen questioned if MCWPA has bylaws and if so, they should be updated at the same time. The Board directed staff to move forward with the process of updated the JPA.

Dina Nolan stated going back to the question if it is that big of a deal to reschedule a meeting besides the timing of things, from MID's perspective it takes a lot of staff time to put together board packets and coordinate meeting times. When things get delayed, it takes more staff time to redo things. The staff time is being compensated by the Authority, so it is costing more money. GM Greci stated the meetings are held quarterly so it delays things significantly.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Schuh opened public comment and closed public comment due to no public in attendance

The Board went into Closed Session at 11:05 a.m. for item 6a.

6. **CLOSED SESSION**

- 6a. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54957  
Title: Canal and Hydro Plant Superintendent

7. **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

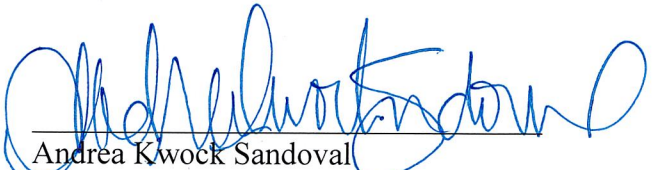
There was no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Schuh adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

**APPROVED FOR THE BOARD:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Roger Schuh  
President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea Kwock Sandoval  
Secretary to the Board

Date: 12/7/23

**JULY 26, 2023**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
MADERA-CHOWCHILLA WATER & POWER AUTHORITY  
ACCEPTING AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR YEAR ENDED 2022**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Madera-Chowchilla Water & Power Authority (“MCWPA or Authority”), at a regular meeting duly called and held on July 26, 2023 in Madera County, California as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Report on Audited Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2022, has been conducted with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the State Controller’s Minimum Audit Requirements for California Special Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Authority has reviewed the 2022 Annual Audited Financial Statement for the period ending December 31, 2022; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of Madera-Chowchilla Water & Power Authority accepts the 2022 Annual Audited Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Madera-Chowchilla Water & Power Authority, that the facts contained in the recitals above are true and correct and that the Board of Directors accepts the Annual Audited Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2022.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED** by the Madera-Chowchilla Water & Power Authority Board of Directors at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Harris, Mandala, Schuh, DaSilva, Davis, Erickson, Janzen, and Loquaci  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Director Upton  
ABSTAIN: None

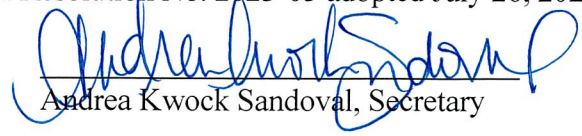
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Roger Schuh, President

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Davis, Vice President

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of the Madera-Chowchilla Water & Power Authority hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2023-05 adopted July 26, 2023.

  
Andrea Kwock Sandoval, Secretary