

**MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2025**

MINUTES

Directors Present: Brandon Bishel
Tim DaSilva
Brian Davis, Vice President
Carl Janzen
David Loquaci, President

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present:

- T. Greci, General Manager (GM Greci)
- D. Cadenazzi Nolan, Assistant General Manager (AGM Nolan)
- A. Kwock Sandoval, Board Secretary / Executive Assistant
- J. Furstenburg, Controller
- C. Contreras, Operations & Maintenance Manager (OMM Contreras)

Others Present: General Counsel Hunter Castro, Wanger Jones Helsley via Zoom; Joel Hastings, Water Wrights; others that did not identify themselves on Zoom

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

President Loquaci called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the business office of the District at 12152 Road 28 ¼, Madera, California 93637

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE:

AYES: Directors Bishel, Janzen, Davis, DaSilva, and Loquaci

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Closed Session

General Counsel Kinsey reported there were no potential conflicts of interest for Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Closed Session

President Loquaci opened and closed public comment due to no public in attendance.

The Board convened to Closed Session at 1:03 p.m.

1. CLOSED SESSION

- 1a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (2 potential cases)
- 1b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (2 potential cases)
- 1c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9; Petition for the Adjudication of Rights to the Fresno River, before the State Water Resources Control Board
- 1d. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9; Madera Irrigation District v. Smith-Adobe Ranch Family Limited Partnership, Case No. MCV081757
- 1e. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9; *NRDC v. Rogers*, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California (Sacramento Division), Case No. 88-CV-1658-JAM-GGH
- 1f. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9; Madera Irrigation District v. Allstate Insurance Company, Case No. MCV090064

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Loquaci called regular session to order at 1:36 p.m. with staff in attendance and the public in attendance.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

There were no reportable actions taken during Closed Session.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no potential conflicts of interest noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Regular Session

President Loquaci opened and closed public comment due to no comments from the public in attendance.

ADJOURN AS MID BOARD OF DIRECTORS & CONVENE AS MID GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY – 1:38 p.m.

- a. Discussion / possible direction the Domestic Well Mitigation Program

AGM Nolan discussed the Domestic Well Mitigation Program (“DWMP”). AGM Nolan stated the Madera Subbasin GSAs have been meeting as a group to discuss the DWMP since the beginning of this year. As the seven GSAs were meeting, it seemed as if progress was being made, however, New Stone Water District, Root Creek Water District, and Gravelly Ford Water District alerted the group they did not want to participate in a subbasin-wide DWMP. They want to do a proximity based program and only mitigate the wells in their own GSAs. AGM Nolan stated given the timeframe and the lack of participation, staff recommendation is the MID GSA change direction and develop a proximity based DWMP for wells inside the MID GSA. AGM Nolan stated there could be discussions with partnering with other GSAs in the Madera Subbasin that MID overlaps.

Director Janzen stated it is interesting that the Madera County GSA own report shows they are 75% of the problem, but have not stepped up. Director DaSilva questioned how much it will cost MID to develop a DWMP. AGM Nolan stated staff does have estimates, but it will depend on modeling, how many participants, and future conditions. The estimate for MID when it was a subbasin-wide program was \$1.5 million. Staff believes if MID develops its own program, the costs may be less.

President Loquaci stated a DWMP needs to be done. He stated Madera County completed a rate study and passed a 218 to fund a DWMP. The County has not decided on a program and President Loquaci stated he is dubious they will ever have a program. President Loquaci stated the District is already doing something to help by putting water in the ground. We are going above and beyond. GM Greci stated that is an important point, the District has completed projects ahead of schedule and continues to put water in the ground. The Board direction was to move forward with a MID GSA DWMP and partner with other GSAs in the Madera Subbasin that MID overlaps if possible.

ADJOURN AS MID GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY & RECONVENE AS MID BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 1:54 p.m.

2. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

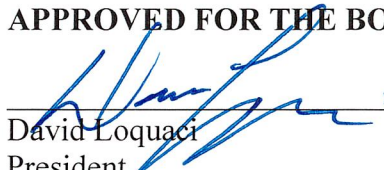
- 2a. Update of Activities
 - Water Season Update

GM Greci provided an update on the water season. The water season will end on August 27, 2025 at 7:00 a.m. when the Madera Canal is shut off. The 18.8 will be shut off on August 26, 2025 and Hidden Dam was shut off already. Approximately 150,000 acre feet has been brought into the District to date. GM Greci stated considering the dry conditions, the water season has been great. AGM Nolan stated it has been an average year.

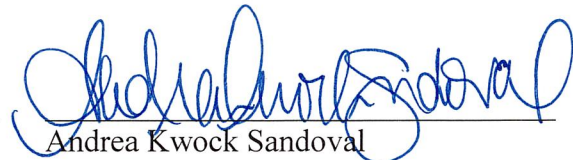
3. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Loquaci adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

APPROVED FOR THE BOARD:



David Loquaci
President
Date: 12/16/2025



Andrea Kwock Sandoval
Secretary to the Board

