

**MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 30, 2025**

MINUTES

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

Directors Absent: Carl Janzen

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)
- D. Garcia, Engineering Technician Supervisor
- D. Olea, HR Technician
- P. Horta, Engineering Tech Intern
- A. Villa, Engineering Tech Intern

Others Present: General Counsel John Kinsey, Wanger Jones Helsley; Joel Hastings, Water Wrights; Kip Hudson, Hudson & Company

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

President Loquaci called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. at the business office of the District at 12152 Road 28 ¼, Madera, California 93637

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Director Davis / Director Bishel to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE:

AYES: Director Bishel, Davis, DaSilva, and Loquaci

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Director Janzen

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 2:03 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 2:32 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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS & CONVENE AS MID GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY – 2:33 p.m.

- a. Update on MID Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

AGM Nolan provided an update on the MID GSA. The District continues to meet with the other six GSAs in the Madera Subbasin regarding the domestic well mitigation program along with the facilitator. The program is under development. AGM Nolan stated MID is hopeful we can come together on a basin-wide program, but that is still to be determined. The goal is to have the program in place before the end of the year.

AGM Nolan stated Stanford has come out and conducted soil samples. They are looking at locations for well monitoring.

ADJOURN AS MID GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY & RECONVENE AS MID BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2:35 p.m.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- 2a. Update of Activities
 - Introduction of Engineering Interns
 - Madera-Chowchilla Water & Power Authority
 - Water Season Update

GM Greci stated the District has hired interns the past few summers. AGM Nolan and Secretary Sandoval attended the Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo career fair for ag and ag engineering this year. AGM Nolan noted Director Janzen has encouraged staff to hire interns. She introduced Paul Horta and Artemio Villa. They have been working in the Engineering Department since June. Artemio and Paul introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of the internship and background. ETS Garcia stated we have had great interns the last few years and they are learning a lot.

GM Greci provided an update on the Madera-Chowchilla Water & Power Authority. The 980 Plan is still offline. The same budget will be used to repair the vibration. The drive train will be repaired before the next water season by the same contractor.

GM Greci stated the District received the ACWA JPIA wellness grant this year. GM Greci reported the District will have a booth at the Madera Fair this year. GM Greci noted the Lifetime Achievement Awards will be held on August 7, 2025. Director Davis will be receiving the 4 Around 40 Award. Directors and staff will be in attendance.

GM Greci provided a water season update. We originally estimated the District will run through the 2nd week of August. The season may extend to approximately August 19, 2025. There is the potential for an additional block of URF water. GM Greci stated it has been a great water season and growers are taking the water.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- 3a. Discussion / possible action on acceptance of 401a Plan Report on Audited Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, Resolution No. 2025-15 – **Timed Item 2:45 p.m.**

MOTION: Director DaSilva / Director Bishel to accept the 401a Plan Report on Audited Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, Resolution No. 2025-15.

DISCUSSION: Controller Furstenburg introduced Kip Hudon of Hudson & Company. The auditor's report was provided with an unmodified opinion. There were no audit findings or material misstatements. The total assets as of December 2024 were \$2.5 million. The net increase in plan position was approximately \$711,000. The total deduction was approximately \$107,000.

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

VOTE: ROLL CALL

AYES: Directors Bishel, DaSilva, and Loquaci

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Director Janzen and Director Davis (out of the room)

- 3b. Discussion / possible action on Sunlife Group Life Insurance Basic Plan and Voluntary Plan Proposals and corresponding documents, Resolution No. 2025-16

MOTION: Director Davis / Director DaSilva to approve the Sunlife Group Life Insurance Basic Plan and Voluntary Plan Proposals and corresponding documents, Resolution No. 2025-16.

DISCUSSION: Controller Furstenburg stated the current plans with Sunlife will be terminated on August 31, 2025. Sunlife USA will no longer support the plans. The District received proposals from Sunlife Canada for the basic plan and voluntary plan proposals. Controller Furstenburg stated the coverages are very similar. AGM Nolan thanked Controller Furstenburg and HR Technician Olea for their work going through the process.

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

VOTE: ROLL CALL

AYES: Directors Bishel, Davis, DaSilva, and Loquaci

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Director Janzen

- 3c. Discussion / possible action on Soquel Letter Agreement Extension with Pacific Gas & Electric, Resolution No. 2025-17

MOTION: Director Davis / Director DaSilva to approve the Soquel Letter Agreement Extension, Resolution No. 2025-17.

DISCUSSION: GM Greci stated this should look familiar as it is the annual extension to the Soquel Agreement with Pacific Gas & Electric ("PG&E"). The District has entered into an extension with PG&E each year since 1995. GM Greci stated PG&E contacted the District yesterday to discuss negotiating a new agreement. GM Greci recommended the extension be approved for the October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026. If PG&E comes with a different agreement, it would come before the Board for approval.

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

VOTE: ROLL CALL

AYES: Directors Bishel, Davis, DaSilva, and Loquaci

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Director Janzen

- 3d. Discussion / possible action on approving addition of Section 429 Advance Notice of Separation Incentive Policy to the District Personnel Policies, Resolution No. 2025-18

MOTION: Director Davis / Director Bishel approving the addition of Section 429 Advance Notice of Separation Incentive Policy to the District Personnel Policies, Resolution No. 2025-18.

DISCUSSION: AGM Nolan stated this is a policy that Secretary Sandoval brought forth that other agencies are using. The policy provides monetary incentive for advance notice of separation. The employee would need to be employed at the District for at least 8 years and would be paid one time at the time of separation. The following incentives payments are included in the policy:

- 3 months: \$250
- 6 months: \$500
- 12 months: \$1,000

AGM Nolan stated it is difficult to fill senior positions especially without advanced notice. The employee would need to separate on the day noticed to receive payment. Director DaSilva stated this is a good policy, the District needs to know. It helps with succession planning. AGM Nolan stated language was added that the payment will be taxable income.

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

VOTE: ROLL CALL

AYES: Directors Bishel, Davis, DaSilva, and Loquaci

NOES:

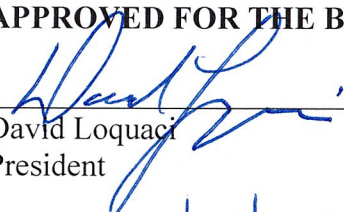
ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Director Janzen

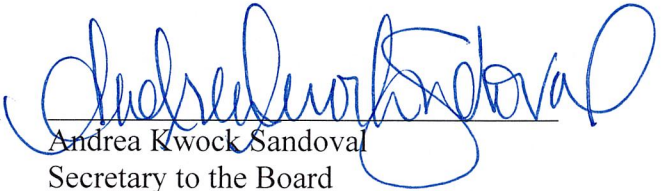
4. ADJOURNMENT

President Loquaci adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVED FOR THE BOARD:



David Loquaci
President



Andrea Kwock Sandoval
Secretary to the Board

Date: 9/16/2025



**JULY 30, 2025
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
ACCEPTING 401A PLAN REPORT ON
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District (“District”), at a special meeting duly called and held on July 30, 2025 at the business office of the District, 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera, California 93637 as follows:

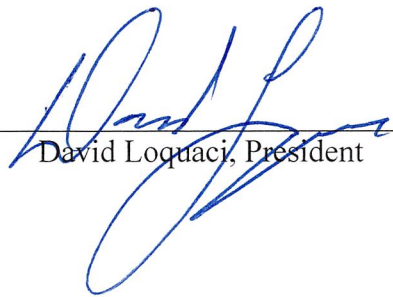
WHEREAS, the District has received the Madera Irrigation District 401a Plan Report of Audited Financial Statements for the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, conducted with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the State Controller’s Minimum Audit Requirements for California Special Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District have reviewed the Madera Irrigation District 401a Plan Report on Audited Financial Statements for the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 for the District’s 401a Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District, that the facts contained in the recitals above are true and correct and that the Board of Directors of Madera Irrigation District accepts the Madera Irrigation District 401a Plan Report on Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District, at a special meeting of the Board held on the 30th day of July 2025 by the following vote:

- AYES: Directors Bishel, DaSilva, and Loquaci
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Directors Janzen and Davis
- ABSTAIN: None



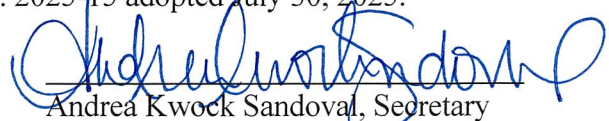
David Loquaci, President

ATTEST: 

Brian Davis, Vice President

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of the Madera Irrigation District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-15 adopted July 30, 2025.


Andrea Kwock Sandoval, Secretary



JULY 30, 2025
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVING THE MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
SUNLIFE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE BASIC PLAN AND VOLUNTARY PLAN PROPOSALS
AND CORRESPONDING PLAN DOCUMENTS**

RESOLVED by the Board of Directors (“Directors”) of the Madera Irrigation District (“District”), at a special meeting duly called and held on July 30, 2025 at the business office of the District, 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera, California 93637 as follows:

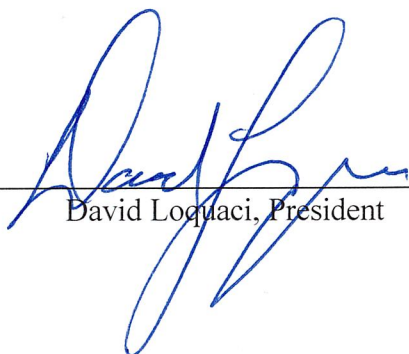
WHEREAS, the District would like to update the Sunlife Group Life Insurance Basic Plan and Voluntary Plan and has received Formal Proposals (the “Proposals”) from Sunlife Insurance on June 16, 2025, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District, that the facts contained in the recitals above are true and correct, and that the Board hereby approves the Proposals and any corresponding Plan documents for the Basic Plan and Voluntary Plan.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT, the General Manager Thomas Greci and Controller Jennifer Furstenburg are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions and execute such documents as they may deem necessary, appropriate or convenient to affect this resolution including without limitation, causing to be prepared and filed such documents, or other information as may be required.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Madera Irrigation District Board of Directors, at a special meeting of the Board held on the 30th day of July 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Bishel, Davis, DaSilva, and Loquaci
NOES: None
ABSENT: Directors Janzen
ABSTAIN: None



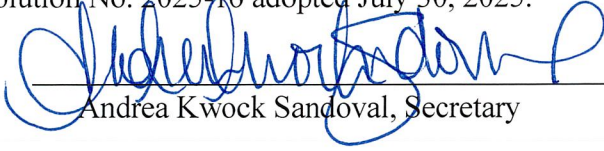
David Loquaci, President

ATTEST: 

Brian Davis, Vice President

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of the Madera Irrigation District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-16 adopted July 30, 2025.



Andrea Kwock Sandoval, Secretary



JULY 30, 2025
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-17

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF
SOQUEL LETTER AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH
PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC**

RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District (“District”), at a special meeting duly called and held on July 30, 2025 at the business office of the District, 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera, California 93637 as follows:

WHEREAS, the District entered into an Agreement dated November 1, 1977 (the “Agreement”) with Pacific Gas & Electric (“PG&E”) for the use of water by PG&E under rights owned by the District in connection with PG&E’s operation of its hydroelectric development on the North Fork Willow Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement was originally scheduled to terminate September 30, 1981, although the District and PG&E agreed to an extended termination date of September 30, 1995; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, the District and PG&E have executed documents confirming Annual Extensions to the term of the Agreement, which have allowed the District to continue receiving payment from PG&E for the use of its surface water supplies for hydroelectric generation; and

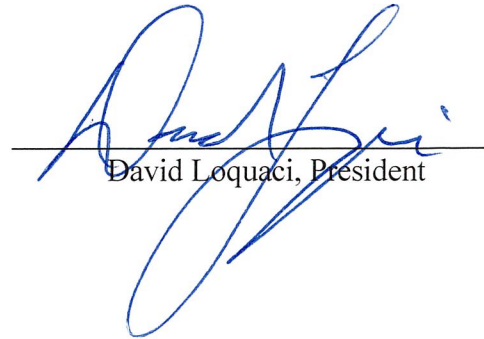
WHEREAS, PG&E and the District have agreed to extend the term of the Agreement for the period covering October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the District has a proposed Extension Letter Agreement between the District and PG&E, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A,” to effectuate an extension of the Agreement through and including September 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors that the facts contained in the recitals above are true and correct, and that the Madera Irrigation District, approves the proposed Extension Letter Agreement with Pacific Gas & Electric, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A,” and authorizes General Manager Thomas Greci to execute the Extension Letter Agreement and all documentation necessary to effectuate the terms of that Extension Letter Agreement with Pacific Gas & Electric subject to such reasonable modifications, revisions, additions and deletions as he may approve prior to execution, and any other documentation necessary to effectuate the Agreement, said execution to provide conclusive evidence of such approval.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District, at a special meeting of the Board held on the 30th of July 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Bishel, Davis, DaSilva, and Loquaci
NOES: None
ABSENT: Directors Janzen
ABSTAIN: None



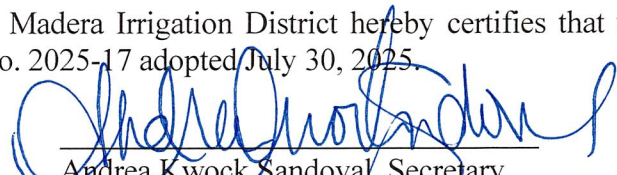
David Loquaci, President

ATTEST: 

Brian Davis, Vice President

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of the Madera Irrigation District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-17 adopted July 30, 2025.



Andrea Kwock Sandoval, Secretary



JULY 30, 2025
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-18

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVING THE ADDITION OF SECTION 429
ADVANCE NOTICE OF SEPARATION INCENTIVE POLICY TO
DISTRICT PERSONNEL POLICIES**

RESOLVED by the Board of Directors (“Directors”) of the Madera Irrigation District (“District”), at a special meeting duly called and held on at the business office of the District, 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera, California 93637 as follows:

WHEREAS, to facilitate succession planning and training of new employees when long-term employees separate the District, the District has developed an Advance Notice of Separation Incentive Policy; and


WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District reviewed Section 429 Advance Notice of Separation Incentive Policy at the board meeting of July 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors that the facts contained in the recitals above are true and correct, and that the Board of Directors of Madera Irrigation District hereby approve the addition of Section 429 Advance Notice of Separation Incentive Policy to the District Personnel Policies.


THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District, at a special meeting of the Board held on the 30th day of July 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Bishel, Davis, DaSilva, and Loquaci
NOES: None
ABSENT: Directors Janzen
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:



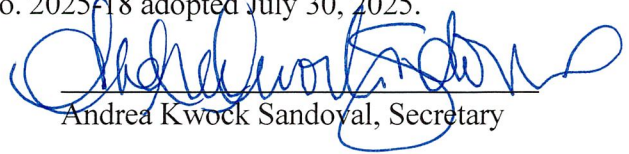
Brian Davis, Vice President



David Loquaci, President

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of the Madera Irrigation District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-18 adopted July 30, 2025.


Andrea Kwock Sandoval, Secretary

