

Pojoaque Valley Irrigation District  
Wednesday, April 7, 2021  
6:00pm – 7:45pm  
Zoom Meeting  
Special Meeting Minutes

**1. Call to Order:** Dave Neal called the meeting to order. PVID board and staff present were Dave Neal, Meade Martin, Thomas Dominguez and Kathy Martinez. Parciantes present were John Gutting, Curtis Thomson, Rob Heineman, Alexis Byfuglin, Robert Griego, Chris Sheehan, Pete Archuleta, Michael Novak, Raymond McAllister, Denise Hearst, Danny Roybal, Edward Romero, Tomas Stockton, Scott DeMuth, Hunter Garcia, Martha and Alex Trujillo, Rob Salazar, Antonio Guerrero, Diana Roembach, Craig Allen, Margaret Casaus, George Gomez, Stephen & Josephine Gomez, Dan Roper, Elizabeth Montoya-Findling, Ben and Loraine Montoya, Antonio Guerrero, Irene Webb, Steve Carson, Jen Watkins, Ann Margaret Mumford, Flo Perkins, and Mark LeDoux. Luis Aguirre with the State Engineer Department. Kyle Harwood representing PVID's law firm. Jeff Montoya with Pojoaque Pueblo.

**2. Approval of the Agenda:** Edward Romero moved that the agenda be approved, second by Alex Byfuglin. Agenda was approved.

**3. New Business**

**A. Appointment of Board Director of District 2:** Dave Neal stated that we did not have an election in March. Rob Heineman was the only person that submitted the paperwork for the Board position. Dave moved we appoint Rob Heineman to the District 2 Board Director position as Secretary/Treasurer. There were no objections.

**B. Discussion Regarding Proposed Water Schedule for 2021 Irrigation Season:** Kathy screen shared the schedule. Dave went through the list asking if each Acequia had a representative present, and if the allotted water amount for the release was appropriate. Those Acequia's that were present said yes, the amount of water was correct. Those Acequia's were Las Joyas, Rincon, Larga de Jacona, Otra Banda, El Rancho, Los Indios, Llano, and Comunidad.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the Highline/Consolidated ditches. Nambe and the three ditches that get the water from those ditches were not represented. Those ditches keep the water and do not release the water downstream when their time is over. The commissioners and dam tender are going to work at enforcing the release schedule. The plan is to have the mayordomo from each ditch sign and date the release schedule. The goal is that PVID will have more authority to step forward and tell the offending ditches to stop and close their gates. Tomas Dominguez will take calls from the mayordomo's and presidents of the ditches but does not want parciantes calling him. He asks that they go through their ditch commissioners.

There was also discussion about the Rio Medio and the ojito water that is currently flowing down the river. The lower ditches would like to have access to that water. There is currently about 2cfs of water. Tomas and Rob will try to get all the upper ditches to close their gates and see if they can get the water to the lower ditches within the next week.

The first dam release is schedule for May 1<sup>st</sup>, starting with the lower ditches.

**9. Old Business**

**A. Update on Memo of Agreement:** Kyle Harwood spoke about the MOA. The last MOU for the PVID district was written in 1983. PVID, the Bureau of Reclamation and the three Pueblos all requested that a new MOA be written in compliance with the Aamodt Settlement. The MOA is almost finished and

will be up for review by the commissioners the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>. There is nothing to report to the public yet about the MOA.

Signed and approved on this 6th day of May, 2021 by a motion by the Board of Directors

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Dave Neal/Board Chair

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Meade Martin/Board Vice Chair

**APPROVED**