

**MERCY SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
June 19, 2024**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was scheduled to be held on June 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Those present at the meeting were:

Directors Present: Juan Cadena, Director  
Richard Wathen, Director

Directors Absent: Michael Linneman, President

District Staff Present: Patrick McGowan, General Manager & Secretary  
Sandra Reyes, Water Master

Others Present: Gabriel Delgado, General Counsel (Via Telephone)  
Palmer McCoy, Grassland Basin Authority

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Pro Tempore Juan Cadena called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the Agenda.

**ROLL CALL**

General Manager Patrick McGowan reported that Director Michael Linneman has been suffering from an ongoing illness, and remains unavailable to attend board meetings. Accordingly, due to Mr. Linneman's absence and two vacancies on the Board, a quorum of the Board of Directors was not confirmed to be present at the meeting, pursuant to Government Code section 54952.2. Therefore, the Board is unable to act on Agenda Items and discussions would not constitute a meeting under the Brown Act. The Action Items become report items only.

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ACTION ITEMS (NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM)**

**THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION # 57-24 CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

General Manager Patrick McGowan explained that there are three positions coming up for re-election on November 5, 2024. The three are Mr. Michael Linneman, Mr. Juan Cadena, and Mr. Richard Wathen. Mr. McGowan also noted that there are currently two vacant positions on the Board. The suggestion was made to appoint GBA General Manager Mr. Palmer McCoy to one of the vacant positions up for re-election in

2026. Due to time sensitivity of the action, Director Juan Cadena, with Director Richard Wathen's assent, gave the direction to execute Resolution # 57-24 calling for the General Election with the intention that such action be ratified at the next board meeting.

**THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF PALMER MCCOY, A REPRESENTATIVE OF PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT, TO THE MERCY SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

General Manager Patrick McGowan explained the process of filling a vacancy and appointing a new director to the Board. Mr. McGowan reported that pursuant to Government Code section 1780(h)1, the District Secretary, or a remaining member of the board may send a letter to Fresno County requesting that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors appoint a person to the Mercy Springs Board of Directors. Mr. McCoy has filled out the Supplemental Application qualifying him as a landowner representative of Panoche Drainage District. Director Juan Cadena, with Director Richard Wathen's assent, gave the direction to request the appointment of Mr. Palmer to one of the two vacant positions by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. Any necessary action by the Board, or District in connection with the appointment of Mr. McCoy will be considered for ratification at the next board meeting.

**REPORT ITEMS**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Patrick McGowan reported to the Board that he is actively looking at consolidating Mercy Springs Water District into Panoche Water District to help minimize costs and make things easier for everyone involved.

**CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The next regular meeting was scheduled for August 21, 2024 at 11:00 am.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President Pro Tempore Juan Cadena adjourned the unofficial meeting at 10:32 p.m.



Juan Cadena, President Pro Tempore



Patrick McGowan, Secretary