



## PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### PROJECTS & FACILITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

PV Water, Koenig Conference Room, 36 Brennan Street

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Not Present
Stephen Rider, Director, Committee Chair	Vacant Seat
Sam Cooley, Committee Vice Chair	Abel Sanchez, Director
Amy Newell, Director	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Jonathan Pilch	
Staff & Other Attendees	
Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)	Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH)
Shinehah Bigham, Water System Operator (WSO)	Chuy Martinez, Water System Operations Supervisor (WSOS)
Belinda Platts, Consulting Agronomist (via Go To Meeting)	

- Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Rider called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
- Public and Member comments.** GM Lockwood reported that Director Sanchez regrettfully resigned from his seat on the Committee due to personal obligations.
- Consider Approval of February 22, 2023 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Newell moved to approve the February 22, 2023 minutes with a correction to the minutes date in Item 3 (January 25, 2022~~3~~); Vice Chair Cooley seconded. The Committee approved the minutes of the February 22, 2023 meeting.
- Receive Presentation on 2022 Soil Salinity and Water Quality** AH Meusel introduced Belinda Platts, consulting agronomist, who delivered a presentation on Delivered Water Zone soil and water quality conditions in 2022. The presentation is available on the Committee's webpage (<https://www.pvwater.org/projects-facility-operations-committee>) Mrs. Platts responded to a series of questions following the presentation.
- Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
  - College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported that construction of the project has begun. The contractor has installed construction fencing and removed the majority of the apple orchard at the future water treatment plant site, with the exception of a 50-foot radius around a hummingbird's nest. A time critical task of relocating

power lines remains and staff are working to obtain the approvals necessary for the appropriate easement deeds. He reported that the Reclamation District 2049 pumps are draining College Lake. He also reported that PV Water staff will be meeting with S&P Global on Friday to reevaluate the PV Water's credit rating for the purpose of issuing debt obligations. He shared updates on other funding efforts for the project including a DWR implementation grant proposal for \$20 million, a Department of Conservation Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program Grant, and preparation of a WIFIA program application. Lastly, GM Lockwood reported that a construction webpage to communicate progress and other information related to the project is now accessible.

- b. Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood reported that Maggiora Bros. Drilling Inc. submitted well permit applications for the recovery wells and staff are working with adjacent landowners to obtain waivers to construct wells near the property lines.
- 6. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez reported that the annual growers/irrigators meeting held earlier today was well attended. Delivered water demand is ramping up with 277 acre-feet delivered in April to date compared to only 66 acre-feet in the first three months of the year. He shared that diversions have begun for the Harkins Slough Facility and is continuing at a rate of approximately 8 acre-feet per day.
- 7. Receive Water Quality Quarterly Report.** AH Meusel presented the 2023-Q1 water quality results to the Committee; tables and graphs summarizing the results are included in the agenda packet available on the Committee's webpage (<https://www.pvwater.org/projects-facility-operations-committee>)
- 8. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** None
- 9. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
- 10. Meeting Adjourned at 4:13 p.m.**