



PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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**PROJECTS & FACILITY OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Water Resources Center Conference Room
500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville, California

Wednesday April 24, 2019, 3:00 p.m.

| Committee Members | |
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| Present | Absent |
| Mary Bannister, Director, Chair | Sam Cooley, Vice-Chair |
| Bob Culbertson, Director | Frank Capurro |
| Rosemarie Imazio | Tom Broz, Director |
| Warren Koenig | |
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| Staff & Other Attendees | |
| Chuy Martinez, Water System Operations Supervisor (WSOS) | Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH) |
| Shinehah Bigham, Water System Operator (WSO) | Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM) |
| Amy Newell, Director | Danielle Greene, City of Watsonville |
| Belinda Platts, Consulting Agronomist (via phone) | |

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Bannister called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** Director Culbertson shared that he attended the Pajaro Compass Stakeholder Meeting earlier today and that PV Water’s Conservation and Outreach Specialist, Marcus Mendiola, gave a presentation and provided a tour of the wastewater treatment plant and recycled water facility.
- 3. Consider Approval of prior Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Mr. Koenig moved approval of the February 27, 2019 meeting minutes; Ms. Imazio seconded. The Committee approved the minutes of the February 27, 2019 meeting.
- 4. Receive Soil Salinity and Water Quality Update for 2018 and Water Quality Quarterly Report.** GM Lockwood introduced Belinda Platts, consulting agronomist, who provided a presentation on soil and water quality conditions in the Delivered Water Zone in 2018. The presentation is available on the Committee’s webpage: <https://www.pvwater.org/projects-facility-operations-committee>. AH Meusel briefly summarized the updated quarterly delivered water quality table and plots.

5. Receive Projects and Programs Update.

- a. Proposed College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported that the Draft EIR is published and that PV Water will be hosting two public meetings on May 1 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to discuss the project.
- b. Proposed Slough Projects with Recharge Basins.** GM Lockwood reported the Notice of Preparation Scoping Meeting for the Draft EIR is likely to be on June 12 and that a draft report analyzing modeled slough flows was recently completed.
- c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** GM Lockwood reported that on April 15 a pre-construction meeting was held and the notice to proceed was issued. The contractor, Pacific Infrastructure, plans to mobilize in mid-May. The environmental and labor compliance efforts associated with the project recently began.
- d. Potential Coast Distribution System Expansion.** GM Lockwood reported that PV Water and Jacobs Engineering staff conducted a field meeting to examine current site conditions and contemplate potential pipeline alignments. GM Lockwood showed the Committee potential pipeline alignments under consideration and described the associated preliminary cost estimates. GM Lockwood also shared that he will be meeting this week with the grant administrator and the environmental support team to discuss the project. A roundtable discussion of the project ensued.

6. Receive Facility Operations Report. WSOS Martinez reported that Operations staff recently hosted the Annual Irrigators Meeting, which was well attended and an overall success. The Operations staff are preparing for the upcoming growing season and current system demand is averaging around 16-18 acre-feet/day. WSOS Martinez shared that the Harkins Slough Diversion Facility is not likely to startup this year due to elevated salinity levels continuing to persist in the slough water. A roundtable discussion of salinity issues in the sloughs and potential restoration projects ensued.

7. Discuss Water Users Handbook. The Committee deferred this item to the following meeting due to time constraints.

8. Discuss Future Agenda Items. GM Lockwood suggested that agenda item 7 be revised to “Discuss Water Users Handbook and Rules & Regulations” for the next meeting.

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 4:19 p.m.