



PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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**PROJECTS & FACILITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Teleconference Meeting**

Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Not Present
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	Jonathan Pilch
Sam Cooley, Vice Chair	
Amy Newell, Director	
Stephen Rider, Director	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Frank Capurro	
Staff & Other Attendees	
Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)	Shinehah Bigham, Water System Operator (WSO)
Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH)	Chuy Martinez, Water Systems Operations Supervisor (WSOS)
Al Eaton, Tanimura and Antle	Shawn Harden, Willoughby Farms

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Bannister called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** None.
- 3. Consider Approval of June 30, 2021 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Newell moved to approve the June 30, 2021 minutes; Vice Chair Cooley seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Cooley, Newell, Imazio, Capurro

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Pilch, Rider (arrived after vote)

- 4. Receive Facility Operations Report.** GM Lockwood, along with WSOS Martinez and WSO Bigham, reported on supplemental water production and the record demand for water this year. The presentation is available online at <https://www.pvwater.org/projects-facility-operations-committee>. Staff emphasized the importance of communicating with customers PV Water's ability to meet demand given existing supply limitations. Staff discussed with the Committee plans to host a Growers' meeting this fall to communicate the system limitations and future operational policies to help ensure equitable water service when demand exceeds supply. GM Lockwood proposed that staff present the Committee with relevant information from the [Water Users Handbook](#), a summary

operational decisions made during the current growing season, and proposed operational policies to implement when demand exceeds available supply. Roundtable discussion ensued.

- 5. Discuss Letter to Delivered Water Customers.** GM Lockwood presented the current draft of the letter to delivered water customers. With respect to signatories, he suggested that staff sign the letter and include an acknowledgement of the Committee's involvement in preparing the letter. The Committee supported the proposed edits and that staff be the signatories.
- 6. Receive Water Quality Quarterly Report.** AH Meusel presented the 2021-Q2 water quality results to the Committee and noted a correction to the results for 2021-Q1; 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>).
- 7. Discuss State of California Drought Declaration and PV Water Draft Resolution.** GM Lockwood summarized the draft resolution and detailed the edits made to the draft previously considered by the Board of Directors (Board). The Committee reviewed the draft resolution and recommended that the Board approve it.
- 8. Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
 - a. College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported that the 60% design package, including cost estimate, for the weir structure, intake, and water treatment plant is complete. Estimated costs have increased due to supply chain shortages across all materials. The College Lake Pipeline design remains at 30% while engineers continue to evaluate several pipeline alignment sections. GM Lockwood noted that the Board adopted a resolution of necessity during the July meeting that initiates an action to acquire a portion of a parcel by eminent domain.
 - b. Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood reported that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) notified the agency that the Struve Slough water-right application was accepted. The letter included a request for additional information that staff and consultants will be working to address.
 - c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** GM Lockwood reported that agency staff and consultants met with State Water Board staff to discuss flexibility of Phase III scheduling and potential reallocation of grant funding from Phase II. The State Water Board told agency staff that Phase II grant funding could not be reallocated to Phase III; however, additional loan funding can be requested.
 - d. Pajaro Valley Sustainable Groundwater Planning Project (SGMA 5-Yr Update)** GM Lockwood reported that in July, the Board approved the Ad Hoc Sustainable Groundwater Planning Advisory Committee's recommendations regarding sustainable management criteria (SMC) and statements. The Committee has four more items to consider in the upcoming meetings. Staff plan to present a draft of the Basin Management Plan: Groundwater Sustainability Update 2022 to the Board in October for an initial review, and ask for a vote of approval in November. PV Water is hosting a public meeting tonight at 6:00 p.m. for rural residents and interested parties on this subject.

- 9. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** Presentation of relevant information from the Water Users Handbook, operational strategies, and proposed operational policies to implement when Coastal Distribution System demand exceeds supply.
- 10. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.
- 11. Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 p.m.**