



**PROJECTS & FACILITY OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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

Wednesday July 31, 2019, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Absent
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	Frank Capurro
Sam Cooley, Vice-Chair	
Amy Newell, Director	
Bob Culbertson, Director	
Warren Koenig	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Staff & Other Attendees	
Chuy Martinez, Water System Operations Supervisor (WSOS)	Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH)
Ryan Kuntz	

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Bannister called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** Director Newell shared that she and two agency staff members recently met with Assemblymember Robert Rivas to inform him of the current state of water resources in the Pajaro Valley and provide a tour of existing and proposed water supply projects. Director Newell also reported that Recharge Net Metering program partners from the University of California at Santa Cruz and the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County presented the annual report on the pilot program at the last board meeting. A roundtable discussion of the program followed.
- 3. Consider Approval of May 29, 2019 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Culbertson moved approval of the May 29, 2019 meeting minutes; Director Newell seconded. The Committee approved the minutes of the May 29, 2019 meeting.
- 4. Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
 - a. Proposed College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** AH Meusel reported that the Basin Management Plan Implementation Team (Team) is continuing to prepare responses to comments on the draft EIR. The complete Final EIR is expected to be ready for

internal review in August. AH Meusel also shared that members of the Team recently met with the National Marine Fisheries Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife to work on resolving their protests on the water-right application, and that additional modeling of fish bypass flows and timelines are being analyzed in support of the ongoing permit negotiations.

- b. Proposed Slough Projects with Recharge Basins.** AH Meusel reported that the comment period for the Notice of Preparation closed on July 1st and that the Team is currently working to refine the project description which will serve as the basis for the impact analysis in the draft EIR. AH Meusel also shared that the Team is continuing to perform hydraulic modeling of operational scenarios to help inform the team of the potential operational constraints and yields.
 - c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** WSOS Martinez reported that the contractor, Pacific Infrastructure, began potholing today and will be mobilizing equipment this coming week. AH Meusel shared that rare plant and bird survey was conducted last week and that no rare species were identified at the project site.
 - d. Coastal Distribution System F-Line Expansion Project.** WSOS Martinez reported that staff are in constant communication with landowners and that the cultural, biological, and topographic surveys are now completed. WSOS Martinez also shared that staff received the 60% designs from Jacobs Engineering and have two weeks to review them. AH added that the grant agreement for \$3 million to partially fund the project was executed by General Manager Lockwood and has been submitted to the California Department of Water Resources.
- 5. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez reported that total delivered water for July will be just over 700 acre-feet with an average daily delivered volume of 26 acre-feet. WSOS Martinez noted that there was a single day record total volume delivered of almost 39 acre-feet. A roundtable discussion about system demand and supply volumes followed.
 - 6. Discuss Water Users Handbook and Rules & Regulations.** AH Meusel briefly summarized the purpose of this item and previous discussions. AH Meusel reported that staff are continuing to consider potential priority structures for delivered water users and that the item remains on the agenda to afford the Committee opportunity to continue the discussion and provide input.
 - 7. Receive Water Quality Quarterly Report.** AH Meusel presented the 2019 Q2 water quality results to the Committee; tables and graphs summarizing the results are included in the agenda packet.
 - 8. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** None.
 - 9. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.
 - 10. Meeting Adjourned at 3:44 p.m.**