



PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Not Present
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	
Sam Cooley, Vice Chair	
Amy Newell, Director	
Stephen Rider, Director	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Jonathan Pilch	
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)
Helen Rodriguez, Finance and Administrative Services Manager (FASM)	Laura Taay, Administrative Analyst (AA)
Ryan Smith, City of Watsonville	Beau Kayser, City of Watsonville
Robert Rodoni, Sunset Farms	

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Bannister called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** None.
- 3. Consider Approval of July 28, 2021 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Newell moved to approve the July 28, 2021 minutes; Director Rider seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Cooley, Newell, Rider, Imazio, Pilch
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Capurro (arrived after vote)
- 4. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez reported that supplemental water deliveries began to wane from peak growing season demand but are still averaging over 20 acre-feet per day. WSO Bigham noted that demand in July was significantly higher than the total delivered water in

July despite the delivery of over 800 acre-feet of water. WSOS Martinez reported that Blend Well 1 had a mechanical failure on August 11 and the Board of Directors (Board) held a special meeting on August 18 during which time the Board approved Resolution 2021-14 “Declaring an Emergency Pursuant to Public Contract Code §22035 and §22050 for Blend Well 1 Repairs, and Approving Agreement with Roy Alsop Pump & Drilling, Inc. for Blend Well 1 Emergency Repair Work.” Following Board direction, staff immediately set the contractor in motion to conduct the repairs. Roundtable discussion about emergency repair contracting and facility maintenance ensued.

- 5. Discuss High Demand Operational Strategies.** GM Lockwood summarized the challenges facing water system operators with demand frequently exceeding available supply during the peak growing season. The challenges are expected to continue until additional supplemental supply projects, such as the College Lake Project, come online. PV Water staff provided a brief review of the Water Delivery Priority and Scheduling section of the Water Users Handbook and outlined recommended system flows for 2022. Staff plan to host a grower meeting in this fall to communicate the challenges and share information about high demand operational strategies. Staff introduced a potential operational strategy that would allocate available delivered water during periods of high demand in a proportional amount to the area served when compared to the total acreage of all customers receiving delivered water. Following roundtable discussion, the Committee provided general direction to staff to evaluate targeted minimum delivered water allocation scenarios for active customers based on 2021 acreage using a proportional methodology that was discussed during the meeting.
- 6. Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
 - a. College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported that design, environmental, permitting, and property procurement tasks are all underway.
 - b. Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood noted that PV Water received a letter from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) providing notice that the Struve Slough water-right application was accepted. PV Water will be scheduling a meeting with State Water Board staff to discuss next steps in the application process.
 - c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** GM Lockwood reported that staff are planning a virtual tour to close out phase II of the project and Phase III is still in discussion.
 - d. Pajaro Valley Sustainable Groundwater Planning Project (SGMA 5-Yr Update)** GM Lockwood reported that the Ad Hoc Sustainable Groundwater Planning Advisory Committee will hold the 12th and final meeting in September. The project team is working to finalize the draft monitoring plan and prepare the draft Groundwater Sustainability Update 2022 (GSU22) document. The Board will receive an informational overview of the draft GSU22 on October 20 and will consider its approval November 17. GM Lockwood shared that PV Water hosted an informational community meeting on July 28 to inform rural residents about the GSU22 process. Rural Residents for Water and Community Water Center have expressed desire for another community meeting which may be coalesced with a tentatively planned fall Community Water Dialogue meeting.
- 7. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** None.

8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 4:14 p.m.