



PROJECTS & FACILITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Warren Koenig Conference Room
36 Brennan Street, Watsonville, California

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 25, 2019, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Absent
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	Amy Newell, Director
Bob Culbertson, Director	Sam Cooley, Vice-Chair
Warren Koenig	
Frank Capurro	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Staff & Other Attendees	
Chuy Martinez, Water System Operations Supervisor (WSOS)	Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH)
Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)	Shinehah Bigham, Water System Operator (WSO)
Jonathan Pilch, Watsonville Wetlands Watch	

- Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Bannister called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- Public and Member comments.** Mr. Koenig announced his resignation from the Committee effective immediately following the adjournment of today's meeting. The Committee then voted unanimously to nominate Jonathan Pilch, Executive Director of Watsonville Wetlands Watch, for approval by the Board of Directors to serve as the at-large member of the Committee
- Consider Approval of July 31, 2019 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Mr. Koenig moved approval of the July 31, 2019 meeting minutes; Director Culbertson seconded. The Committee approved the minutes of the July 31, 2019 meeting.
- Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
 - Proposed College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported that a special Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 3rd for the Basin Management Plan Implementation Team (Team) to present the College Lake Integrated Resources

Management Project Final EIR to the Board and public. The Final EIR is expected to be published by the end of September. The Board will then consider certification of the Final EIR and approval of the project at the regularly scheduled meeting on October 16th.

- b. Proposed Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood shared that PV Water's water rights special counsel Alan Lilly recently announced his retirement from Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan to serve as the first Presiding Hearing Officer for the State Water Board. Mr. Andrew Ramos, who has been assisting Mr. Lilly, will assume his role as special counsel. Prior to Mr. Lilly's departure on October 31st, the Team anticipates submitting the water right application for the Struve Slough Project as well as refining the project description for the draft EIR. Concurrently, the Team is also working with Mr. John Fio of EKI Environmental & Water, Inc. to perform modeling of the existing recharge basin operations and later will incorporate the planned recharge basins to inform development of the project. The Team anticipates that the modeling work will be complete by the end of December.
 - c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** GM Lockwood reported that the contractor, Pacific Infrastructure, is not progressing as quickly as expected. PV Water staff would like to see the excavation and concrete work finished before wet weather could affect construction progress however, the president of Pacific Infrastructure feels confident they can complete the project on schedule. WSOS Martinez shared that the sheet piles for the excavation work were driven a few weeks ago and that there has been a change order to the project for the failure of a variable frequency drive (VFD) of a distribution pump. A roundtable discussion about the VFD failure ensued.
 - d. Coastal Distribution System F-Line Expansion Project.** GM Lockwood informed the Committee that the 90% plans and specifications for the project are drafted and that the construction managers are currently doing a constructability and buildability review that is expected to be completed today. The project team is incorporating comments on the CEQA addendum which will be considered by the Board of Directors for certification at the October 16th meeting. The project schedule will continue to move quickly with 100% design plans expected from Jacobs Engineering before the end of October followed by the project going out to bid. A mandatory preconstruction meeting will be held on November 11th and the bid opening on November 26th. The Board of Directors are expected to consider approval of a contract at the December 18th meeting. GM Lockwood also reported that staff are working to obtain a coastal development permit for the project from the County of Santa Cruz which may take a few months but will align with the current project schedule to issue a notice to proceed in January 2020. A roundtable discussion regarding available water supply and potential future Coastal Distribution System (CDS) demand ensued.
- 5. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez reported that in July over 800 acre-feet of supplemental water was delivered to CDS customers with a daily average of approximately 27 acre-feet. The demand has since slowed with daily system demand averaging 14 hours per day. PV Water and City of Watsonville staff are preparing for maintenance activities that will take place during the wet season and this includes a major upgrade to the SCADA system. GM Lockwood shared that the process control management plan (PCMP) for the Recycled Water Facility is still being considered however it is not moving forward at the moment. GM Lockwood also informed the Committee that the Telemetry Grant agreement was recently executed. A roundtable discussion of power grid reliability and redundancy ensued.

- 6. Discuss Water Users Handbook and Rules & Regulations.** GM Lockwood briefly summarized the previous changes made to the Water Users Handbook and Rules & Regulations. A roundtable discussion of potential priority structures for CDS customers ensued.
- 7. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** None.
- 8. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.
- 9. Meeting Adjourned at 4:02 p.m.**