



## ***PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY***

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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
October 3, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

**City Council Chambers**  
275 Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Watsonville, CA 95076

### **BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

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1. **Call to Order:** The Special Board Meeting of Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency was called to order at 7:01 by Chair Newell, in the City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Watsonville, CA.

2. **Roll call of the PV WATER Directors:**

Board Members Present: Newell, Culbertson, Bannister, Broz

Board Members Absent: Zamora, Bussey

Staff Members Present: Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)  
Laura R. Taay, Board Secretary  
Marcus Mendiola, Water Conservation and Outreach Specialist (WCOS)

Others Present: Tony Condotti, Agency Counsel (AC)  
John Basor, Public  
John Bourgeois, ESA  
Rachel Brownsey, ESA  
Jerry Busch, Public  
Larry Freeman, Retired, USGS  
Jill Hamilton, ESA  
Juan Hidalgo, Santa Cruz County Ag Commissioner  
Rosemarie Imazio, Public  
Gary Kittleson, Consultant  
Tom Rider, Public  
Mark Strudley, Santa Cruz County Flood Control Zone 7 and Senior Civil Engineer

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Discussion and/or Action Items**

A. Received Presentation on Proposed College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)

GM Lockwood introduced Jill Hamilton, ESA, who presented on the Final Environmental Impact Report for the proposed College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project. Ms. Hamilton explained the CEQA process for the developing the FEIR. The team reviewed comments that had been submitted from the Draft EIR, clustering same related

comments together and responding on those. Ms. Hamilton also addressed the next steps of the CEQA process.

During public comment, Jerry Busch expressed concern for the welfare of birds and wetlands at College Lake, along with the Adaptive Management Planning process, should the project move forward as proposed. In response, Ms. Hamilton stressed the mitigation measures that will be implemented as well as the importance of local stakeholder involvement in the Adaptive Management Plan. Mark Strudley commented that the communications with PV Water Staff and consultants has been excellent throughout the EIR process, and that he supported the proposed project. Juan Hidalgo commented that recreation and agriculture are often at conflict with one another and urged PV Water to use caution in evaluating potential recreational uses, should PV Water decide to move in that direction.

Ms. Hamilton introduced two of her team members, Rachel Brownsey, Botanist/Restoration Ecologist and John Bourgeois, Restoration Ecology Manager, who gave their expert perspective and answered questions from Directors and the public.

**Action:** None.

**5. Future Meetings**

- A. Administrative/Finance Committee, Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 3:00 p.m., Warren Koenig Conference Room, 36 Brennan Street, Watsonville
- B. Board of Directors, Wednesday, October 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Watsonville
- C. Project & Facility Operations Committee, Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 3:00 p.m., Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville, CA

**6. Future Agenda Items**

**Adjourned at 8:19 p.m.**



**Laura R. Taay, Board Secretary**



**Date Approved**