



PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Board of Directors Meeting
March 5, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers
275 Main Street, 4th Floor
Watsonville, CA 95076

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order: The Regular Board Meeting of Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chair Imazio, in the City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, 4th Floor, Watsonville, CA.

2. Roll call of the PVWMA Directors:

Board Members Present: Rosemarie Imazio, Dave Cavanaugh, Rich Persoff, Dwight Lynn, Amy Newell, Paul Faurot

Board Members Absent: Javier Zamora

Staff Members Present: Mary Bannister, General Manager (GM)
Brian Lockwood, Staff Hydrologist (SH)
Laura R. Taay, Administrative Analyst (AA)
Others Present: Tony Condotti, Agency Counsel (AC)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Oral Communications: None

5. Director Comments: None

6. Counsel Report: None

7. General Manager Report: Various water conservation events are planned and our Agency is involved in all of them, including an Irrigation and Nutrient Workshop in collaboration with the Strawberry Commission and the Ag Water Quality Coalition on March 11, the Water Resources Fair in collaboration with the Pajaro Valley Association of Realtors on March 20 at Heritage Hall, Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds and the Drought Extravaganza in collaboration with the RCD-SC, the SC Farm Bureau, and Community Water Dialogue on April 10 also at Heritage Hall. Directors might be interested in attending any/all of these events.

Roundtable of Regions will have a conference call to discuss DWR progress on the guidelines and solicitations for expedited drought relief funding and Proposition 84 funding. The \$1 million dollar grant for which we received contract notification for additional storage tanks at the Recycled Water Facility is funding through a Proposition 84, Integrated Regional Water Management grant.

8. Discussion and/or Action Items

A. Receive Presentation on Basin Management Plan Update and Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)

The draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Basin Management Plan (BMP) Update was released for public review on October 18, 2013. Based on comments to the Draft EIR, a Final EIR (FEIR) has been prepared. A public hearing on the Final EIR will be conducted at our next regular board meeting on March 19, 2014. After the public hearing, the Board may consider certifying the Final EIR, accepting the BMP Update report and approving the recommended BMP program.

In August of 2012, the Board accepted the Ad Hoc Basin Management Plan Committee's recommended portfolio of new projects and programs required to halt seawater intrusion and stop basin overdraft in the Pajaro Valley, including:

- Conservation Program
- Increased production and deliveries from existing facilities
- Increased Recycled Water Storage
- Harkins Slough Recharge Facility Upgrades
- Watsonville Slough with Recharge Basins
- College Lake with Inland Pipeline to the CDS
- Murphy Crossing with Recharge Basin

Staff was then directed to proceed with development of the Basin Management Plan Update (BMP Update) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

Board comments were incorporated and a public draft of the BMP Update was distributed and made available in February 2013. This public draft is the basis of the environmental analysis in the DEIR. The DEIR work was initiated with the issuance of the Notice of Preparation (NOP) in February 2013. Staff distributed the NOP to all responsible agencies, trustee agencies, the State Office of Planning and Research, and a comprehensive mailing list of interested parties and agencies. The NOP initiated the 30-day period for comments on the scope and content of the EIR. Additionally, two public scoping meetings were held in February. Several comments were received and considered in the development of the DEIR.

The Draft EIR was released for public review on October 18, 2013. The DEIR identified significant and unavoidable impacts to agricultural resources. The DEIR determined that all other significant impacts could be reduced to a less-than-significant level through the incorporation of mitigation or project design features, including within the following impact sections: aesthetics; air quality and greenhouse gas; biological resources; cultural resources; energy, utilities and services; geology and soils; hazards and hazardous materials; surface water, groundwater and water quality; noise and vibration and transportation and traffic.

The formal DEIR comment period closed on December 9, 2013 and several comment letters were received from agencies and the public. The Agency evaluated all of the comments received at the hearing and in letters and prepared written responses. These responses are included in the Final EIR.

The Final EIR was prepared in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for public review. CEQA requires that PVWMA publicly notice the release and availability of the Final EIR.

Paul Friedlander, Carollo Engineers, delivered a presentation of the BMP Update and Denise Duffy, of Denise Duffy & Associates presented on the CEQA process.

During the Public Comment section Allen Harryman, President of the College Lake Reclamation District (CLRD), read from a written original letter. The last paragraph read, "However, CLRD would be remiss in not letting the PVWMA Board know that we are very disappointed in the turn of events represented by the Final EIR". Original Letter handed to Board Secretary and placed in PVWMA Board of Directors AgendaPackets and Minutes binder dated January –March 2014.

Denise Duffy had a clarification to be made of record:

The Agency and Engineering Team worked on policy related comments and the EIR Team worked on physical impacts on the environment. It is not a policy document it is an analytical tool.

Adjourned at 7:20 p.m. for Ethics Training

9. **AB 1234 Biennial Ethics Training was presented by General Counsel Condotti**

10. **Future Meetings**
 - A. Administrative Finance Committee – March 11, 2014, 12:30 p.m. PVWMA Conference Room, 36 Brennan Street, Watsonville
 - B. Board of Directors – March 19, 2014, 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, 4th Floor, Watsonville
 - C. Ad Hoc Funding committee (AHFC) – March 27, 2014, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., City of Watsonville Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Conference Room, Watsonville
 - D. Spring Into Conservation Resources Fair, jointly with Pajaro Valley Association of REALTORS®, March 20, 2014, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Heritage Hall, Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds
 - E. ACWA Region 5 Meeting – March 23-24, Best Western Seacliff Inn (Sunday tour of the Recycled Water Facility)
 - F. Administrative Finance Committee – April 8, 2014, 12:30 p.m. PVWMA Conference Room, 36 Brennan Street, Watsonville



Laura R. Taay, Administrative Analyst



Date Approved