



PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Board of Directors Meeting
October 21, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Teleconference

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The Regular Board Meeting of Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Newell, via teleconference

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

Board Members Present: Newell, Zamora, Bussey, Bannister, Broz

Board Members Absent: Culbertson

Staff Members Present: Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)
Helen Rodriguez, Fin/Admin Services Manager (FASM)
Laura R. Taay, Board Secretary
Marcus Mendiola, Water Conservation and Outreach Specialist (WCOS)

Others Present: Tony Condotti, Agency Counsel (AC)
John Bourgeois, Consultant, ESA Associates
Jerry Busch, Public
John Diffenbaugh, Public
Aurelio Gonzalez, City of Watsonville Councilman
Jill Hamilton, Consultant, ESA Associates
Rosemarie Imazio, Public
John Kegebein, Public
Gary Kittleson, Public
Terry Larson, Consultant, Smith & Associates
Stephen Rider, Public
Tom Rider, Public
Erica Stanojevic, Public
Michelaina, UCSC Graduate Student

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Oral Communications:** John Diffenbaugh, president, College Lake Reclamation District (2049) spoke on the maintenance work, and related permit activities. Mr. Diffenbaugh invited PV Water to participate in the development of a long term plan.

5. **Director Comments:** Director Bannister reported on attending the ACWA Virtual Event Series, "Zooming through California: Connecting ACWA Regions," a 4 part series, Tuesdays

at 10 am, through November 10. Region 3 was viewed and the topic was Economic Drivers of Sustainable Forest Management Matter for California’s Headwaters. Our Region 5 will be on November 10, a virtual tour of Vandenberg Village Community Services District & Los Vaqueros Reservoir facilities. Discussion will be on water policy issues affecting disadvantaged communities in California.

Director Newell reported on the Division B Candidates Forum, October 15, Moderator was Jonathan Pilch, Executive Director, Watsonville Wetlands Watch, and candidates were Stephen Rider and John Kegebein.

6. **Counsel Report:** None

7. **General Manager Report:** GM Lockwood reported on:

- September 9 - Staff participated in the City of Watsonville’s Climate Action Plan Stakeholder Workshop
- September 29 & 30 - Chair Newell, FASM Rodriguez & GM Lockwood attended 8 hours of a Prop. 26 & 218 Rate Setting Workshop, which was hosted by CSDA.
- Staff participated in a series of ACWA Hosted Workshops (1-hour) each, some were attended by Chair Newell:
 - September 9 – Groundwater Quality & SGMA
 - September 17 – Education vs Advocacy
 - September 23 – Money Matters, Conflict of Interest
 - September 30 – Room to Grow, Taking Customer Outreach online
- October 7 – Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau Meeting, update information provided
- October 7 – Santa Cruz County Water Advisory Commission Meeting, update information provided
- October 15 – Division B Candidates Forum, Moderated by Jonathan Pilch

8. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of September 16, 2020 Minutes
- B. Approval of Financial Reports
- C. Approval of Resolution 2020-10 Amending the Check Signing Policy
- D. Approval of Resolution 2020-11 Establishing By laws for the Ad Hoc Sustainable Groundwater Planning Advisory Committee, with changes made to Article III – 4, remove second sentence, the word temporarily and end third sentence after the word “above”.

Action: Director Bannister moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Director Bussey.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Newell, Zamora, Bussey, Bannister, Broz
NOES: None
ABSENT: Culbertson
ABSTAIN: None

9. **Informational Items**

- A. Received Basin Management Plan Implementation Update from GM Lockwood

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

- A. Consider Scopes of Work and Cost Estimates for Services in support of the College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project, No. 30-39

- A1. ESA for Environmental Support Services (CEQA/Permitting/Adaptive Management Planning) in an amount not to exceed \$349,758
- A2. Smith & Associates for Appraisal Services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000
- A3. cbec inc., for Fish Passage Design & Modeling Services, in an amount not to exceed \$48,676

GM Lockwood presented this item. He said this is the next phase of the project implementation and will include outreach to the community, continued and new environmental activities, and the procurement of property rights. There were community comments made regarding Baseline Data Collection and the importance to include preservation of the water habitat quality. GM Lockwood asked Jerry Busch to submit his comments in writing.

Action: Director Bannister moved to approve the agreements in substantially the same form as the versions reviewed at the Board of Director’s meeting of October 21, 2020;

- A1. ESA for Environmental Support Services in an amount not to exceed \$349,758
- A2. Smith & Associates for Appraisal Services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000
- A3. cbec inc. for Fish Passage Design & Modeling Services, in an amount not to exceed \$48,676.

Seconded by Director Zamora.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Newell, Zamora, Bussey, Bannister, Broz
NOES: None
ABSENT: Culbertson
ABSTAIN: None

B. Consider Forming an Ad Hoc Adaptive Management Plan Committee

GM Lockwood discussed how staff and consultants have been preparing for the development of an Adaptive Management Plan since the approval of the College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project in October 2019. In the initiating of the preparation for the environmental compliance plans, and preparing for an Ad Hoc Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) Committee, staff is proposing a 13-member committee as follows:

By Appointment

- 1. PV Water Board Member
- 2. PV Water Board Member
- 3. PV Water Board Member
- 4. Regional Water Quality Control Board
- 5. CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
- 6. National Marine Fisheries Service

By Application

- 7. Agricultural Interest
- 8. At-large Pajaro Valley Community Member
- 9. Local Scientist, Environmental Resource Experience Preferred
- 10. Neighboring Landowner
- 11. Neighboring Landowner
- 12. Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Representative
- 13. Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Representative

Public commented on adding 2 additional seats: 1) Local Tribal Member 2) Disadvantaged Community Member.

Action: Director Bannister moved to approve the 13 member committee as proposed by staff, with appointed members of the committee reviewing and selecting the applicant committee members and possibly expanding the committee depending upon the applicant pool. Director Broz asked amendment to motion to add two additional categories, as suggested, Local Tribal Member and Disadvantaged Community Member, for diversity. Director Bannister accepted the amendment; the motion as amended was seconded by Director Broz.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Newell, Zamora, Bannister, Bussey, Broz
NOES: None
ABSENT: Culbertson
ABSTAIN: None

Action: Director Bannister moved to approve the following Directors as appointed to the Ad Hoc Adaptive Management Committee: Directors Culbertson, Broz and Zamora; Seconded by Director Bussey.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Newell, Zamora, Bannister, Bussey, Broz
NOES: None
ABSENT: Culbertson
ABSTAIN: None

11. Monthly Reports/Presentations

- A. Facility Operations Report
 - 1. Received 2020 Supplemental Water Production Monthly Summary Report
- B. Board Committee Reports available at www.pywater.org
- C. Public Outreach Update

12. Correspondence

13. Future Meetings

- A. Project & Facility Operations Committee, Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 3:00 p.m., Teleconference
- B. Ad Hoc Sustainable Groundwater Planning Advisory Committee, Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 2:00 p.m., Teleconference
- C. Administrative/Finance Committee, Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 3:00 p.m., Teleconference
- D. Board of Director's Meeting, Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 7:00 p.m., Teleconference
- E. Project & Facility Operations Committee, Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 3:00 p.m., Teleconference

Adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Laura R. Taay

Laura R. Taay, Board Secretary

November 18, 2020

Date Approved