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**Board of Directors Meeting
December 16, 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 7:02 p.m. by Chair Newell, via teleconference

2. Roll call of the PV WATER Directors:

Board Members Present: Newell, Culbertson, Zamora, Bannister, Broz, Rider

Board Members Absent: None

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

Others Present: Tony Condotti, Agency Counsel (AC)
Michael Cahn, Consultant, UCCE Agricultural Advisor
Kim Hein, Consultant, Jacobs Engineer
Rosemarie Imazio, Public
Sasha Lozano, Consultant, RCD of Santa Cruz County
Lisa Lurie, Consultant, RCD of Santa Cruz County
Erin McCarthy, Consultant, RCD of Santa Cruz County
Kyle Monper, Public
Pete Rude, Consultant, Jacobs Engineering
Kirk Schmidt, Public

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Oral Communications: None

5. Director Comments: Chair Newell praised staff and Directors for getting through a difficult year.

6. Counsel Report: AC Condotti welcomed new Board Director, Stephen Rider.

7. General Manager Report: GM Lockwood reported on:

- Resignation of Field Technician Alex Esqueda.

- Attended ACWA Fall Virtual Conference, December 2 & 3, 2020.
- Attended, with Director Broz, College Lake Reclamation District (CLRD) Long Term Resource planning meeting. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss environmental planning with respect to CLRD lake draining operations. Also in attendance were representatives of CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, National Marine Fisheries Services, and local growers. PV Water staff will plan to attend follow up public meetings.
- Invited by former advisor Gary Griggs, to talk with his Earth Science Career class. Some students were interested in potential intern positions PV Water might have available. The last speaker of the class was Kathy Sullivan, a 1973 UCSC graduate and former NASA Astronaut, who in 1984 became the first American woman to walk in space. She later became Administrator of NOAA, and last year became the first woman to dive in to the bottom of the Mariana Trench, one of the deepest places on Earth.

8. Consent Agenda

- A. November 18, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. December 4, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- C. Financial Reports
- D. Establishment of an Automated Clearing House (ACH) Merchant Account
- E. Project and Facility Operations Committee Membership Recommendation
- F. Resolution 2020-15, Designating General Manager, or Designee, as the Authorized Representation to file an Application and Execute Agreements for a 2020 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program Implementation – Round 1 Grant

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

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

9. Informational Items

- A. Received Basin Management Plan Implementation Update from GM Lockwood
- B. Received Basin Management Plan Agricultural Water Conservation Program Update from GM Lockwood who then introduced Erin McCarthy, RCD Santa Cruz County
Both presentations posted on at <https://www.pvwater.org/director-agendas>.

10. Discussion and/or Action Items

- A. Consider Approval of Basin Management Plan Agricultural Water Conservation Program Items
 - A1. Scope of Work and Cost Estimate with the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County for Agricultural Water Conservation Program Services, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$946,671 through December 31, 2023
 - A2. Resolution 2020-14, Approving Guidelines for Agricultural Water Conservation Program Rebates

GM Lockwood introduced this item. The presentation that was given in Item 9B, BMP Agricultural Water Conservation Program Update from Erin McCarthy, RCD Santa Cruz County, relates to this item. Ms. McCarthy, RCD, and Michael Cahn, U.C. Cooperative Extension, shared relevant information and responded to questions from the Directors. They noted the increased and continued funding from PV Water would provide the tools to help achieve the BMP goal of 5,000 AFY reduction in agricultural groundwater use by 2023.

Action:

A1) Director Bannister moved for the Board to approve the Agreement, in substantially the same form as the version attached, with the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County for Basin Management Plan Agricultural Water Conservation Program Technical Assistance in an amount not to exceed \$946,671 through December 31, 2023; seconded by Director Rider.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

A2) Director Rider moved for the Board to approve Resolution 2020-14, Approving Guidelines for Agricultural Water Conservation Program Rebates; seconded by Director Culbertson.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

B. Consider College Lake Project Pipeline Alignment Alternatives

GM Lockwood introduced Jacobs Engineering Group engineers Peter Rude and Kim Hein, who gave a presentation of the College Lake Pipeline Route Study Analysis. They presented on two pipeline alternatives: the “EIR Alternative” and a “Rural Alternative.” Taking into consideration information collected on parcels, encroachments, boundaries, Caltrans traffic counts, and meetings with Cal Trans, City of Watsonville, PG&E, and Santa Cruz County, and considering criteria pertaining to community impacts, constructability, utility conflicts, permits, right of way, and operations and maintenance, the “Rural Alternative” is the recommended alignment for the pipeline.

Action: Director Rider moved for the Board to accept the College Lake Project Rural Pipeline Alignment as the preferred option for further investigation; seconded by Director Broz.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Newell, Culbertson, Zamora, Bannister, Broz, Rider
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
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.pvwater.org
- C. Public Outreach Update

12. Correspondence

13. Future Meetings

- A. Administrative/Finance Committee, Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 3:00 p.m., Teleconference
- B. Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee, Thursday, January 14, 2021, 2:00 p.m., Teleconference
- C. Board of Directors, Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 7:00 p.m., Teleconference
- D. Project & Facility Operations Committee, Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 3:00 p.m., Teleconference

14. Future Agenda Items

Adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Pajaro Valley Water Management Financial Corporation Meeting was cancelled and will be re-scheduled.



Laura R. Taay, Board Secretary



Date Approved