



## PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Board of Directors Meeting  
March 17, 2021, 6:00 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 6:00 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)  
Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH)

Others Present: Tony Condotti, Agency Counsel (AC)  
Marla Anderson, Public  
Rosemarie Imazio, Public  
Robert Johnson, GM Aromas Water District  
Jose Martinez, Public  
Tom Rider, Public

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Closed Session – 2 Items:**

**Conference with Real Property Negotiators – (Cal. Gov't Code §54956.8)**

a. **Properties:** Properties: APNs: 051-101-47; 051-441-01, 24; 051-501-12, 17, 18; 051-741-01, 03, 05, 06, 07; 051-221-02, 26, 30, 32, 33, 34; 017-371-03, 10; 017-221-16; 052-243-01, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21; 052-272-01; 052-581-07, 09

**Agency Negotiators:** Brian Lockwood, Richard Smith

**Negotiating Parties:** Agency and Lipanovich Trust; Hiramine, Masahito & Yoko; Vasquez, David & Elia; PV Unified School District; Salesian Society; Repass, Randolph; Maridon, Russel J.; Shikuma Properties, LLC; VR Walker Co.; State of Ca. Dept. of Transportation; Ag Land, Inc.; Gomez, Taurino & Maria; Olivares, Jorge & Maria; City of Watsonville; Lakeside Organic Gardens; Watsonville Exchange Inc.; West Coast Pre-Cooling, LLC; Hirahara Ranch, LLC; Haines, George & Connie; Willoughby, Christopher M.; Farmland Properties/Arnold (CA);

**Under Negotiation:** Price, terms of payment or both (pipeline easement)

**b. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation  
Initiation of Litigation (Cal. Gov't Code §54956.9(d)(4)  
(1 potential case)**

**Open Session Resumed at 7:23 p.m.**

**Report on Closed Session:** AC Condotti reported two items considered:

- College Lake parcels. Gave direction to Agency Negotiators.
- Anticipated Litigation. Gave direction to staff and legal counsel.  
No reportable action

**5. Oral Communications:** None

**6. Director Comments:**

- Director Culbertson, Zone 7 Representative, reported Zone 7 is in discussion to create a Joint Powers Agreement that would include the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Monterey County, Santa Cruz County, and Water Agencies, relating to the flood control process with the Pajaro River. USACE received money to go beyond the design phases and to get into design of new levees and flood control. Director Culbertson will continue updating the Board on this matter.
- Director Newell attended the March 4, 2021, ACWA Groundwater Committee Meeting. Interesting committee meeting and she encouraged Directors to attend in the future.

**7. Counsel Report:** Nothing to report.

**8. General Manager Report:**

GM Lockwood commented on:

- Water Education Foundation offering a Water 101 Workshop, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, covers water basics and beyond.
- ACWA Spring Conference for May 12 & 13, 2021 now accepting registration.
- Groundwater Resource Association offering a Groundwater Sustainability Summit, date to follow.
- Gave short summary of County Water Mangers meeting with DWR, upcoming statewide AEM (airborne electromagnetics) surveys.

**9. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approved February 17, 2021 Minutes
- B. Approved Financial Reports
- C. Approved Resolution 2021-06, Authorizing and Directing the General Manager to Submit a \$150,005 Grant Application for the Remote Data Acquisition for High Production Groundwater Wells and Coastal Distribution System Turnouts Project, to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Project

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

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

**10. Informational Items**

- A. Received Basin Management Plan Implementation Update from GM Lockwood
- B. Received Summary of the Water Year 2020 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Annual Report from AH Meusel
- C. Received Update on Proposed Coast of Service Increase Outreach Program from GM Lockwood

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

- A. Consider Agreement Authorizing Aromas Water District to Annex and Extend Service to APN 11-028-020 (Martinez Property) at 681 Cole Road  
 GM Lockwood provided a brief summary of the request from Aromas Water District and introduced Aromas Water District (AWD) General Manager, Robert Johnson, to provide further details. Mr. Johnson reported AWD received a letter from Mr. Martinez requesting water service from AWD for health and safety reasons due to their well providing limited amounts of water for the last 8 years. If the PV Water Board approves the agreement, the next step would be for AWD staff to meet the Local Area Foundation Commission (LAFCO) to discuss specific actions that would need to be completed prior to LAFCO approval.

Supporting materials, including the presentation are available at [www.pvwater.org](http://www.pvwater.org).

**Action:** Director Zamora moved for the Board to authorize Aromas Water District to annex and extend service to APN 011-028-020 at 530 Cole Road; seconded by Director Bannister.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

**12. Monthly Reports/Presentations**

- A. Facility Operations Report
  - 1. Received 2021 Supplemental Water Production Monthly Summary Report
- B. Board Committee Reports available at [www.pvwater.org](http://www.pvwater.org)
- C. Public Outreach Update

**13. Correspondence**

**14. Future Meetings**

- A. Public Meeting on Proposed Cost of Service Increases, Thursday, March 18, 2021, 3:00 p.m. Teleconference
- B. Public Meeting on Proposed Cost of Service Increases, Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 8:00 a.m., Teleconference
- C. Project & Facility Operations Committee, Wednesday, March 31, 2021, 3:00 p.m. Teleconference

- D. Public Meeting on Proposed Cost of Service Increases, Wednesday, April 7, 2021, 7:00 p.m., Teleconference
- E. Ad Hoc Sustainability Groundwater Planning Advisory Committee, Thursday, April 8, 2021, Teleconference
- F. Administrative/Finance Committee, Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 3:00 p.m., Teleconference
- G. Board of Directors, Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 7:00 p.m., Teleconference
- H. Project & Facility Operations Committee, Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 3:00 p.m., Teleconference

Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

*Laura R. Taay*

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Laura R. Taay, Board Secretary

*April 21, 2021*

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Date Approved