



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

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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**September 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

**Teleconference**

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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1. **Call to Order:** The Regular Board Meeting of Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Newell, via teleconference

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

Board Members Present:	Newell, Culbertson, Bannister, Broz, Sanchez
Board Members Absent:	Zamora, Rider
Staff Members Present:	Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM) Helen Rodriguez, Financial & Administrative Services Manager Laura R. Taay, Board Secretary Marcus Mendiola, Water Conservation and Outreach Specialist
Others Present:	Tony Condotti, Agency Counsel (AC) Andrew Ramos, Special Agency Counsel, Water Rights, Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan (BKS) Brittany Brace, Special Counsel, Water Rights, (BKS) Mayra Hernandez, Public, Sustainable Groundwater Committee Member, Community Water Center Marla Anderson, Public, Sustainable Groundwater Committee Member Molly Bruce, Public Dr. Andy Fisher, U.C. Santa Cruz Rosemarie Imazio, Projects & Facility Operations Committee Member Heather Lukacs, Public, Community Water Center Lisa Lurie, Resource Conservation District – Santa Cruz County Justine Massey, Public, Community Water Center Erin McCarthy, Resource Conservation District – Santa Cruz County Kyle Monper, Public, Sustainable Groundwater Committee Member, Driscoll's Kirk Schmidt, Public, Chairperson, Sustainable Groundwater Committee Member Cameron Tana, Consultant, Montgomery & Associates Ellen Cross, Consultant, Strategy Driver

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Oral Communications:** None

**5. Director Comments:** Director Sanchez appreciated a tour he received from Beau Kayser, Water Operations Division, of the Water Resources Center and the Recycled Water Facility. Director Newell reported having voted on the ACWA Region 5 Election.

**6. Counsel Report:** No report.

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

- AB 361
- Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau, 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting, Thursday, September 30, 2021, 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- ACWA Groundwater Committee Meeting
- Blend Well 1 has been repaired and is now up and running.

**8. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Board Meeting July 21, 2021 Minutes
- B. Approval of Special Board Meeting August 18, 2021 Minutes
- C. Approval of Financial Reports

**Action:** Director Culbertson moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Director Broz

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

**9. Informational Items**

- A. Received Basin Management Plan Implementation Update from GM Lockwood
- B. Received Community Water Center Presentation on “Framework for a Drinking Water Well Impact Mitigation Program”

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

- A. Consider Staff Recommendation regarding the Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge and Recovery Projects: Request for Release from Priority of State Filing Water Right  
 GM Lockwood and Special Counsel Ramos presented a summary of the details documented in the memorandum included in the agenda packet.

**Action:** Director Bannister moved for the Board to (1) authorize and direct General Manager to work with the Agency’s water-right Attorney to complete and file the request for release from priority of state-file application 18334; and (2) authorize staff to transmit to the State Water Board the \$5,000 filing fee for the request for release from priority; seconded by Director Sanchez

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

**ABSTAIN:** None  
 Director Broz phone connection issues - did not vote.

**B. Consider the Recharge Net Metering Pilot Program**

GM Lockwood provided a summary of the history of the Recharge Net Metering Pilot Program including challenges and successes. He then introduced Dr. Andrew Fisher, UCSC, who delivered a Water Year 2021 annual report, which is posted on [www.pywater.org](http://www.pywater.org). Erin McCarthy, RCD-SCC also provided remarks. GM Lockwood, Dr. Fisher, and Ms. McCarthy responded to questions.

**Action:** Director Bannister moved for the Board to approve the Recharge Net Metering Program in its current form to allow those projects that have already been constructed to continue to participate in the Program and continue to receive rebates based on the net infiltration benefit; seconded by Director Culbertson.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

**C. Consider Adopting Resolution 2021-13, Recognizing State of California Drought Declaration and Call to Reduce Water Use**

GM Lockwood introduced Resolution 2021-13 and reported that the Projects and Facility Operations Committee had reviewed the resolution and voted in favor of recommending that the Board approve it.

**Action:** Director Bannister moved for the Board to adopt Resolution No. 2021-13, Recognizing State of California Drought Declaration and Call to Reduce Water Use, and direct staff to prepare a public message campaign; seconded by Director Broz.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

**11. Monthly Reports/Presentations**

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

**12. Correspondence**

**13. Future Meetings**

- A. Basin Management Plan: Groundwater Sustainability Update (GSU22) Community Informational Meeting, Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Teleconference

- B. Projects & Facility Operations Committee, Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 3:00 p.m. Teleconference
- C. Administration & Finance Committee, Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 3:00 p.m., Teleconference
- D. Board of Directors, Wednesday, October 20, 2021, 7:00 p.m., Teleconference
- E. Project & Facility Operations Committee, Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 3:00 p.m., Teleconference

14. Future Agenda Items

Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

  
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Laura R. Taay, Board Secretary

10-21-2021  
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Date Approved