



## PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Board of Directors Meeting  
April 20, 2022, 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 (6:06 p.m.), Zamora (open session only),  
Bannister, Broz, Rider, Sanchez

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)  
Nancy Trevino, Interim Financial/Admin Services Manager  
Laura R. Taay, Board Secretary

Others Present: Tony Condotti, Agency Counsel (AC)  
Ron Duncan, General Manager, Soquel Creek Water District  
Rosemarie Imazio, Public  
Tom Rider, Public  
Joe Serrano, Public, LAFCO Santa Cruz County

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Oral Communications:** None

5. **Closed Session – 2 items:**

a. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Initiation of Litigation (Cal. Gov't Code §54956.9(d)  
(2 potential matters)**

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

**Property:** 052-181-17

**Agency Negotiators:** General Manager and Agency Counsel

**Property Owner:** Gem-Pack Berries, LLC

**Under Negotiation:** Price and Terms of Lease

Open Session resumed at 7:01 p.m.

**Report on Closed Session -** AC Condotti reported discussion of 2 items – Anticipated Litigation and Real Property Negotiations as listed on agenda. Item a: Board received report from

legal counsel and gave direction on two accounts. Board approved initiation of litigation on the two accounts. Information is available upon request to members of the public once action has been prepared and filed. Item **b**: Board met with Real Property Negotiators regarding lease of Santa Cruz County property APN: 052-181-17 and approved the terms of the lease agreement. Information is available upon request to members of the public once the agreement has been executed by all parties. No other reportable action.

6. **Director Comments:** None

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

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

- Participated in meeting concerning water resources and other issues affecting small water districts, hosted by California Special Districts Association Legislative staff on April 15, included staff from: Congressman Panetta’s office, Templeton Community Services District, Heritage Ranch Community Services District, Cambria Community Services District, and PV Water.
- Received letter from State Water Resources Control Board staff regarding the Governor’s Executive Order on Russian sanctions.
- Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is holding its Spring Conference, May 3-5 in Sacramento. GM and Director Bannister will be attending.
- Groundwater Resources Association is hosting a Legislative Symposium and a Groundwater Sustainability Agency Summit, June 8-9, in Sacramento.
- PV Chamber will hold its annual Awards Dinner on Saturday, July 30 in the JJ Crosetti Hall, Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds.
- If a Director wishes to attend any of the events discussed, please contact Laura.

9. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Adopted Resolution 2022-09 Re- Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meeting of the Legislative Bodies of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions
- B. Approval of March 16, 2022 Minutes
- C. Approval of Financial Reports
- D. Approval of Increasing Residential Water Conservation Rebates
- E. Approval of Staff Recommendations Regarding Upgrades to Blend Well 1 and Blend Well 2
- F. Approval of Agreement with Diaz Roofing for Installation and Roof Repair Work at PV Water Office, 36 Brennan Street, Watsonville

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

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

10. **Informational Items**

- A. Received Presentation from Soquel Creek Water District General Manager Ron Duncan

B. Received Basin Management Plan Implementation Update from GM Lockwood

11. Discussion and/or Action Items

A. Consider Approval of Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

GM Lockwood presented the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to the Board. Budgeted revenues are \$67,160,000, and budgeted expenditures \$37,897,819. Capital projects include the College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project, Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge and Recovery Projects aka WSSMAR, and Basin Monitoring Improvements (Monitoring Wells).

Staff will publish the required Notice of Availability on April 29, 2022, or sooner. The Board will hold a public hearing on May 18, 2022, and consider adoption of the final budget on June 15, 2022.

**Action:** Director Broz moved for the Board to approve the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and direct staff to proceed with publishing the Notice of Availability; seconded by Director Bannister.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

B. Consider Adopting Resolution 2022-10 Proclaiming May 2022 Water Awareness Month and Authorizing Public Outreach Advertising Campaign not to exceed \$20,000

Presented by GM Lockwood. Each May, water utilities, local agencies, government and non-governmental organizations throughout California declare May as “Water Awareness Month.” Statewide, this month-long focus on water is intended to increase the understanding of the inherent complexities of water resource issues, the value of water and to make *water conservation a way of life* for all residents of California. PV Water takes part in the Water Conservation Coalition of Santa Cruz County and continues to implement an adaptive conservation program collaborating with the RCD and the U C Cooperative Extension. A campaign will reach the public in the venues where they reside via radio, television, social media and online platforms, in both English and Spanish.

**Action:** Director Bannister moved for the Board to Adopt Resolution 2022-10, Proclaiming May 2022 “Water Awareness Month”, and authorize staff to proceed with an advertising campaign not to exceed \$20,000; seconded by Director Broz.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

C. Consider Appointing a Board Member to Serve on the Santa Cruz County Drought Response Working Group, in response to Senate Bill 552

GM Lockwood reported that Senate Bill 552 (SB 552) was signed into law on September 23, 2021. SB 552 adds Part 2.56 (Drought Planning for Small Water Suppliers, State Small Water Systems, and Domestic Well Communities) to Division 6 of the Water Code. The new law states

“a county shall establish a standing county drought and water shortage task force to facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness for state small water systems and domestic wells within the county’s jurisdiction.”

The Santa Cruz County Water Advisory Commission, of which GM Lockwood is presently serving as Chair, has formed a Drought Response Working Group to comply with SB 552. The Drought Response Working Group will be composed of 3 members of the Santa Cruz County Water Advisory Commission, an appointee from each Groundwater Sustainability Agency within the County (PV Water, Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency, and Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency), 1 environmental justice/affordability representative, and 2 at large representatives: environmental community and public representative. The requested time commitment for Working Group members is up to seven 3-hour meetings, anticipated to take place between May and October 2022, during normal working hours.

**Action:** Director Culbertson moved for the Board to appoint Director Rider to serve on the Santa Cruz County Water Advisory Commission’s Drought Response Working Group; seconded by Director Bannister.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

**12. Monthly Reports/Presentations**

- A. Facility Operations Report
  - 1. Received 2022 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. Project & Facility Operations Committee, Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 3:00 p.m. Teleconference
- B. Administrative/Finance Committee, Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 3:00 p.m., Teleconference
- C. Board of Directors, Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 7:00 p.m., Teleconference
- D. Project & Facility Operations Committee, Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 3:00 p.m., Teleconference

**15. Future Agenda Items**

Adjourned at 9:08 p.m.



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Laura R. Taay, Board Secretary



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Date Approved