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Board of Directors Meeting
March 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

City of Watsonville Council Chambers
275 Main Street, 4th Floor
Watsonville, CA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The Regular Board Meeting of Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Newell, at the City Council Chambers, 275 Main St., 4th Floor, Watsonville, CA

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

Board Members Present:	Newell, Rider, Culbertson, Zamora, Bannister, Broz, Sanchez
Board Members Absent:	None
Staff Members Present:	Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM) Laura R. Taay, Board Secretary Marcus Mendiola, Water Conservation and Outreach Specialist (WCOS) Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist Nancy Trevino, Finance & Admin Services Manager (FASM)
Others Present:	Tony Condotti, Agency Counsel (AC) Tom Rider, Public Dr. Michael Cahn, UC Cooperative Ext. Alfredo Cortes, Jr., Resource Conservation District Dan Hermstad, Resource Conservation District Sacha Lozano, Resource Conservation District Lisa Lurie, Resource Conservation District Cameron McDonald, Resource Conservation District via zoom: Amanda Peisch-Derby, Department of Water Resources Patrick Wickham, Consultant, Montgomery & Associates

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Oral Communications:** None

5. **Closed Session – 2 Items:**
   a. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Liability Claims – Crop Loss (Cal. Govt. Code §54956.95)**
   Claimants: APNs: 051-441-24, 051-741-03, 051-741-07, 052-243-11, 17, 18

b. Public Employment/Conference with Labor Negotiators
(Cal. Govt. Code §54957, 54957.6)
Title: General Manager
Agency: designated representative(s): Chair and Vice-Chair, General Counsel
(Unrepresented employee: General Manager\

Open Session at 7:05 p.m.
Report on Closed Session – AC Condotti reported the Board met to consider two items as listed on the posted Agenda. Item a) Board gave direction to staff and b) received report from Chair Newell and Vice Chair Rider regarding GM's performance evaluation surveys and interviews with staff received from Directors. This item will be further discussed under Agenda Item 11C. Nothing further to report.

6. **Director Comments:** None

7. **Counsel Report:** None

8. **General Manager Report:** GM reported on having attended the National Agriculture Day Spring Luncheon with staff, Chair Newell, Vice Chair Rider, Treasurer Culbertson, and Director Bannister. Supervisor Zach Friend was awarded the "Al Smith Friend of Agriculture" award. Scholarships were given to local students who are pursuing a career in agriculture. Last week was National Groundwater Awareness Week and forums were presented daily. Water System Operations Supervisor Chuy Martinez has announced he will retire on April 30, 2024.

9. **Consent Agenda**
   A. Approve March 20,2024 Minutes
   B. Approve Financial Reports

Action: Director Culbertson moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Director Rider.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

10. **Informational Items**
   A. Received Summary of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Annual Report, Water Year 2023 by AH Meusel; Presentation at www.pvwater.org
   B. Received Update on Agricultural Water Conservation Project by WCOS Mendiola and RCD Staff; Presentation at www.pvwater.org
   C. Received Basin Management Plan Implementation Update from GM Lockwood

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

A. Consider Agreement with the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz for Agriculture Water Conservation Program Services, in an Amount Not to Exceed $1,073,931
GM Lockwood briefly introduced this item and turned the presentation over to WCOS Mendiola who described current program and past programs with the RCD of Santa Cruz. He then introduced RCD staff members who were present. Sacha Lozano, Ag Stewardship Senior Program Manager, described ongoing work and metrics to quantify conservation progress.

Powerpoint presentation at www.pvwater.org

Action: Director Rider moved for the Board to approve the agreement with the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County for Agricultural Water Conservation Program Technical Assistance in an amount not to exceed $1,073,931 through June 30, 2027; seconded by Director Zamora.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

B. Consider Appointing a Representative and an Alternate to Serve on the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7, Board of Directors

Action: Director Broz moved for the Board to appoint Director Culbertson to Zone 7. No alternate was appointed; seconded by Director Bannister.
Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

C. Consider Approval of General Manager Compensation Adjustment per Existing Employment Agreement

AC Condotti reported that the Directors met for the GM's performance evaluation and decided to increase GM's salary to $240,000 yearly. He noted that the Board would also like to amend the GM Agreement at a future meeting to include annual salary surveys.

Action: Director Rider moved for the Board to increase GM salary to $240,000 yearly; seconded Director Bannister.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

12. Monthly Reports/Presentations

A. Facility Operations Report
   1. Received 2024 Supplemental Water Production Monthly Summary Report
B. Board Committee Reports available at www.pvwater.org
C. Public Outreach Update

13. Correspondence

14. Future Meetings

A. Project & Facility Operations Committee, Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 3:00 p.m. PV Water, 36 Brennan St. Watsonville
B. Administrative/Finance Committee, Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 3:00 p.m., PV Water, 36 Brennan St. Watsonville
C. Board of Directors, Wednesday, April 17, 2024,7:00 p.m., 275 Main St., 4th Floor, Watsonville, CA
D. Project & Facility Operations Committee, Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 3:00 p.m., PV Water, 36 Brennan St. Watsonville

Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Laura R Taay — April 17, 2024

Laura R. Taay, Board Secretary **Date Approved**