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Board of Directors Meeting
April 17, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers
275 Main St., 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 7:15 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, Bannister, Sanchez (7:25)
Board Members Absent:	Broz (excused), Zamora
Staff Members Present:	Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM) Laura R. Taay, Board Secretary Marcus Mendiola, Water Conservation and Outreach Specialist (WCOS) Nancy Trevino, Finance & Admin Services Manager (FASM) Jesus "Chuy" Martinez, Water System Operations Supervisor
Others Present:	Tory Thompson, Associate Agency Counsel (AAC), online Tom Rider, public Robert Rodoni, public Allegra Roth, Rincon, online

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Oral Communications:** None

5. **Director Comments:** Director Newell reported: 1) a possible e-mail scam she received on her Agency iPad; 2) DWR is hosting a virtual spring GSA Forum, "Applications of State Assistance: Leveraging Statewide AEM Data at the Basin Level to Inform GSP Implementation" on 5/23/2024, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, and PV Water will show the presentation in the conference room, and; 3) Tulare Lake Subbasin has been placed into probationary status by the California State Water Resources Control Board due to major deficiencies in its Groundwater Sustainability Plan with respect to groundwater levels, subsidence, and groundwater quality. Most well owners will be required to start reporting how much water they use, while those pumping more than 500 acre-feet (AF) per year must install meters on their wells. Well owners also will be required to pay the state $300 per year per well plus a pumping fee of $20 per AF.

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

7. **General Manager Report:** GM reported: 1) Pajaro Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting their Annual Business Expo and Job Fair, Thursday, April 25, 2024, 4 – 7 p.m. PV Water will have a table at the event. 2) New regulations for Hexavalent Chromium: the State Water Resources Control Board has set a new maximum contaminant level (MCL) at 10 parts per billion (ppb).

8. **Consent Agenda**
   A. Approve March 20, 2024, Minutes
   B. Approve Financial Reports
   C. Adopt Resolution 2024-05 Amending the Bylaws for the Projects & Facility Operations Committee
   D. Approve Amended General Manager Employment Agreement
   E. Approve Authorization for Staff to Donate 2001 Dodge Durango to charity

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

   Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

9. **Informational Items**
   A. Received Basin Management Plan Implementation Update from GM Lockwood

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

   A. Consider Proposed Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025
   GM Lockwood presented the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025. Projected revenues are $52,766,051 and projected expenditures are $57,094,491. Significant capital projects listed in the budget include the College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project, which is presently in the construction phase, and the Watsonville Slough Managed Aquifer Recharge and Recovery Projects, which is the final design phase.

   Action: Director Rider moved for the Board to approve the Proposed Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025; seconded by Director Bannister.

   Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

   B. Consider Authorizing a PV Water 40th Anniversary Event and Setting a Budget
   GM Lockwood presented this item. With this being the 40th Anniversary of the agency, staff have engaged in internal discussion on how to commemorate the occasion and with the Administration and Finance Committee. The most supported idea is to host a community event at the Community Room at Watsonville Civic Plaza or potentially at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. The event would be set up to where staff host tables and displays focused on the different aspects of the services PV Water provides the community, for example, Operations, Hydrology, Customer Service, Conservation, Finance, Capital Project, etc. To help ensure community turnout, the event

could be catered, and staff could procure 40th Anniversary memorabilia to distribute to the public.

Staff will report updates to the Administration & Finance Committee.

One member of the community spoke in opposition to this event.

Action: Director Rider moved for the Board to authorize the 40th Anniversary event and to set a budget not to exceed $12,000; seconded by Director Sanchez.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

C. Consider Resolution 2024-06, Expressing Appreciation for Jesus "Chuy" Martinez, for Dedicated Service to the Agency

GM Lockwood, Director Newell, and Director Bannister shared heartfelt words of gratitude to Chuy for his 25 years of service with PV Water. Chuy's first position was that of Field Technician and rose to the position of Water System Operations Supervisor, a post he's held for the last nine years. Chuy has been a part of the construction, and ultimately the operation, of each of the Agency's projects including the Blend Wells, the Harkins Slough Managed Aquifer Recharge &Recovery Facilities, the Coastal Distribution System pipelines and appurtenances, and the Recycled Water Facility. In addition, Chuy has provided valuable input to the design of the College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project and is also supporting the design of Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Project. His knowledge and experience in the agricultural sector have helped in the understanding of the needs of Agency customers. Chuy's last day will be April 30, 2024.

Action: Director Bannister moved for the Board to Approve Resolution 2024-06, Expressing Appreciation to Jesus "Chuy" Martinez for Dedicated Service to the Agency; seconded by Director Culbertson

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

11. 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

12. Correspondence - None

13. Future Meetings

A. Project & Facility Operations Committee, Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 3:00 p.m. PV Water. 36 Brennan Street, Conference Room, Watsonville, CA
B. Administrative/Finance Committee, Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 3:00 p.m., PV Water, 36 Brennan Street, Conference Room, Watsonville, CA
C. Board of Directors, Wednesday, May 15, 2024,7:00 p.m., PV Water, 36 Brennan Street, Conference Room, Watsonville, CA
D. Project & Facility Operations Committee, Wednesday, May 29, 2024, 3:00 p.m., PV Water, 36 Brennan Street, Conference Room, Watsonville, CA

14. Future Agenda Items

Adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Laura R Taay

Laura R. Taay, Board Secretary

May 16, 2024

Date Approved