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**PROJECTS & FACILITY OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Water Resources Center
500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville, California 95076

Wednesday August 30, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Absent
Warren Koenig	Dale Huss, Chair
Amy Newell, Director	Dave Cavanaugh, Director, Vice Chair
Frank Capurro	
Sam Cooley	
Rosemarie Imazio, Director	
Staff & Other Attendees	
Brian Lockwood (GM) General Manager	Casey Meusel (AH) Associate Hydrologist
Chuy Martinez (WSOS) Water System Operations Supervisor	Shinehah Bigham (WSO) Water System Operator

- Welcome and Introductions.** Director Newell called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
- Public and Member comments.** None.
- Consider Approval of prior Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Mr. Cooley moved approval of the July 26, 2017 meeting minutes; Mr. Capurro seconded. The committee approved the minutes of the July 26, 2017 meeting.
- Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
 - Recycled Water Storage and Pump Station Improvements Project.** WSOS Martinez provided an update on the construction of the new 1.5 million gallon recycled water storage tank and the distribution pump station (DPS) improvements. The overflow pipe between the clear-well and storage tank is operational and is providing greater flexibility during periods of high demand. Testing of the new DPS pumps is in progress along with the corresponding SCADA programming. WSOS Martinez is expecting to meet with the project contractor next week to go over remaining items on the “punch list.” GM Lockwood informed the committee that agency is intending to host a “ribbon cutting” ceremony upon the completion of the project

and that there is the potential that Senator Diane Feinstein may attend if her schedule permits. GM Lockwood also informed the committee that he and WSO Bigham are coordinating a tour of local water reuse facilities on March 25, 2018 as part of the upcoming WaterReuse Association Annual Conference being held in Monterey.

- b. Basin Management Plan Implementation.** GM Lockwood provided a presentation updating the committee on the College Lake, Watsonville Slough, and Harkins Slough Basin Management Plan (BMP) projects. It included summaries on the status of the College Lake project schedule, water rights application, site access agreements, preliminary subsurface investigations, and the CEQA process. GM Lockwood provided the committee with a project memorandum prepared by Carollo Engineers that evaluated the estimated costs of deepening College Lake to increase storage. He also informed the committee that the BMP team investigated the concept of utilizing Salsipuedes Creek to convey the College Lake Project water to reduce pipeline costs and found it to be cost prohibitive. A roundtable discussion followed.

GM Lockwood provided a brief overview of the Watsonville and Harkins Slough Projects and informed the committee that site agreements for the three potential recharge basins are signed and that subsurface investigation work is being planned. GM Lockwood and members of the BMP team have also met with representatives from the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County and Fitz Fresh Mushrooms regarding subsurface investigation at the point of diversion and are working to complete a site access agreement with the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County.

- c. Other Projects / Concepts.** GM Lockwood provided an update on efforts to utilize the Harvest Drive Properties LLC. production well as an additional blend well. PV Water was informed this past Friday that the well agreement is now signed and is awaiting delivery of the agreement. Once received, PV Water staff will prepare to operate the 350 gallon per minute pump in the pilot test.
- 5. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez provided a summary of recent operations and maintenance activities. System demand has decreased from the season's peak and is averaging 16-18 acre-feet/day. Operations staff will be transitioning their focus to meter reads set to begin on September 1st followed by routine system maintenance tasks. Year to date, 2,758 acre-feet of supplemental water consisting of 61% (1,696 acre-feet) recycled water has been provided to Delivered Water Service customers. WSOS Martinez also briefed the committee on potential system upgrade costs that could increase system capacity.
 - 6. Discuss Providing Guidance to Staff Regarding Delivered Water Service Area Expansion Requests.** GM Lockwood provided an overview of this item and summarized previous committee discussions from the past two meetings. WSO Bigham suggested that existing cases of growers interested in receiving delivered water be brought to the committee to guide discussion. Director Imazio suggested the item be brought back regularly to the committee for future consideration.
 - 7. Discuss Future Facilities and Project Operations Committee Agenda Items.** The committee requested that Item 6 "Discuss Providing Guidance to Staff Regarding Delivered Water Service Area Expansion Requests" be revisited regularly in future meetings.
 - 8. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.
 - 9. Meeting Adjourned at 4:25 p.m.**