



**PROJECTS & FACILITY OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Water Resources Center Conference Room
500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville, California

Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Absent
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	None
Jonathan Pilch	
Bob Culbertson, Director	
Amy Newell, Director	
Sam Cooley, Vice-Chair	
Frank Capurro	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Staff & Other Attendees	
Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)	Jesus "Chuy" Martinez, Water Systems Operations Supervisor (WSOS)
Jill Hamilton, ESA (by phone)	

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Bannister called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** None.
- 3. Consider Approval of December 11, 2019 and January 29, 2020 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Newell moved to approve the December 11, 2019 and January 29, 2020 minutes; Member Cooley seconded. The motion carried following voice vote.
- 4. Consider Draft Project-Specific Objectives for the Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge and Recovery Project.** GM Lockwood summarized the proposed project-specific objectives and recapped the discussion and comments from the January 29, 2020 Committee meeting. Ms. Hamilton provided an overview of the purpose of project-specific objectives with respect to the CEQA process. The Committee recommended the following project-specific objectives:

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- Design and implement reliable facilities to help achieve sustainable groundwater management of the Pajaro Valley Groundwater Subbasin by 2040, taking into account potential future hydrologic changes, including those associated with climate change.
- Substantially contribute to the Pajaro Valley's water supply needs in a timely manner, consistent with the Basin Management Plan Update implementation goals.
- Use locally controlled surface water for agricultural purposes to offset groundwater pumping in an environmentally sound manner and in coordination with resource agencies, the public, and other stakeholders, while preserving existing habitat.
- Make efficient use of, and leverage federal, state, and local investments in, existing Agency infrastructure.
- In coordination with other agencies, develop surface water supplies in a manner that is compatible with flood risk reduction and habitat restoration planning.

Member Pilch moved to recommend the board consider approval of the project-specific objectives as listed above, Director Newell seconded. The Committee voted in favor.

5. Receive Projects and Programs Update.

- a. College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported on recent activities including the development and submittal of a College Lake Water Availability Analysis to the State Water Board, the water-right application status, and work on permitting activities.
- b. Proposed Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood reported that the Board of Directors approved an amendment to an agreement with eki Water Consultants to conduct additional recharge and recovery modeling as well as an in depth data analysis. Work on the draft EIR continues.
- c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** SWOS Martinez reported that substantial completion should be achieved in early April.
- d. Coastal Distribution System F-Pipeline Expansion Project.** GM Lockwood on the status of the Coastal Development Permit (CDP), and the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement. He reported that staff will hold a pre-construction meeting on March 4 and will issue Notice to Proceed (NTP) by March 6 in order to meet the deadline provided in the specifications. However, ground disturbance will not be allowed until which time the CDP is issued.

- 6. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez reported on the recently completed SCADA upgrade, a major milestone. The Harkins Slough Facility is operating and staff has diverted approximately 600 acre-feet to the recharge basin. The production capacity of the recovery wells is up due to recharge operations, and demand is high for February due to warm weather and lack of rain. Recycled Water Facility maintenance continues; a bad batch of coagulant has caused problems with the treatment process, but City staff are working to resolve the issue.

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- 7. Discuss Water Users Handbook and Rules & Regulations.** Not discussed.
- 8. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** None.
- 9. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.
- 10. Meeting Adjourned at 4:10 p.m.**